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#### *Permanent Committee on Publication and Sabbath School Work—*

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#### *Permanent Committee on the Bible Cause—*

Rev. J. P. Anderson, Rev. John McSween, Jr., and Elder J. P. McNeill.

#### *Permanent Committee on Woman's Work—*

Rev. E. P. Davis, D. D., Rev. T. W. Sloan, D. D., and Elder A. B. Morse.

#### *Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence—*

Rev. A. D. P. Gilmour, D. D., with Chairmen of above Committees.

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#### **The Next Meeting**

Anderson Central Church, November 12, 1918, 8:00 p. m.

MINUTES

OF THE

Synod of South Carolina



HELD AT

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### SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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SENECA, S. C.,

Tuesday, Nov. 6, 1917.

7:30 p. m.

The Synod of South Carolina met and was called to order by Rev. W. B. Arrowood, D. D., the last Moderator present, who read the following notice, changing the day of meeting, issued by the Moderator, Rev. W. H. Frazer, D. D., before removal from this Synod:

September 3, 1917.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Moderator of the Synod of South Carolina, by Paragraph 55, Book of Church Order, as interpreted by the General Assemblies of 1899 and 1900, I do hereby change the date of the meeting of the Synod of 1917 from Tuesday, the 27th day of November, to Tuesday, the 6th of November, 7:30 p. m. This is done at the special request of the Session of Seneca Church, and for the reason that the Synod, in naming the date of the next meeting as "Tuesday before the full moon in November," unwittingly put the meeting at a time which will cover Thanksgiving Day, when all our pastors should be in their own pulpits.

W. H. FRAZER, *Moderator*.

Dr. Arrowood then opened the Synod with a sermon from II Timothy 2:5, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

The following members were

PRESENT:

BETHEL PRESBYTERY.

*Ministers*—W. B. Arrowood, R. Roy Brown, D. M. Douglas, F. W. Gregg (2), J. C. Grier, W. S. Hamiter, Alexander Martin (2), Paul H. Moore (2), H. R. Murchison, W. M. McPheeters (2), James Russell, J. B. Swann, R. K. Timmons, F. H. Wardlaw (2), G. W. Nickell—15.

*Elders*—W. J. Kimbrell, Fort Mill Church; J. T. Green (2), Lancaster; D. B. Johnson (2), Oakland Avenue; R. F. Boyd, Pleasant

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Grove; Geo. B. Anderson, Rock Hill First; T. J. Estes, Salem; W. F. Walkup (2), Tirzah (L); W. G. Gordon, Tirzah (Y); G. H. O'Leary (2), Yorkville—9.

## CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.

*Ministers*—S. C. Byrd, S. C. Caldwell, Melton Clark, M. R. Kirkpatrick, J. L. McLees, R. M. Phillips, Alexander Sprunt—7.

*Elders*—T. A. Legare, Charleston Second; C. L. Kirkley, New Wapetaw—2.

## CONGAREE PRESBYTERY.

*Ministers*—E. C. Bailey (2), A. W. Blackwood, G. G. Mayes, J. C. Rowan, F. D. Vaughan, H. A. White—6.

*Elders*—J. B. Spillman, Arsenal Hill; G. H. Lenoir, Camden; W. A. Clark, Columbia First; Plummer Burgess (3), Fort Motte; J. B. Frazier, Salem; L. W. Hawes, Union—6.

## ENOREE PRESBYTERY.

*Ministers*—T. A. Beckett, F. P. Anderson, R. T. Chafer, E. P. Davis, W. S. Epperson, G. O. Griffin, A. D. P. Gilmour, W. A. Hafner, T. H. Law, J. F. Matheson, R. G. Matheson, W. S. Porter, T. W. Sloan (2), H. M. Smith—14.

*Elders*—A. S. Peden, Fountain Inn; R. E. L. Smith, Glenn Springs; J. A. Russell, Greenville First; J. D. Woodside (2), Greenville Fourth; J. J. Finch, Mount Calvary; B. K. Grisham, Nazareth; D. B. Anderson, Reidville; B. B. James, Union First—8.

## HARMONY PRESBYTERY.

*Ministers*—D. M. Clark (2), H. C. Hammond, H. A. Knox, L. L. Legters, W. I. Sinnott, W. H. Workman, P. S. McChesney—7.

*Elders*—J. W. Bradley, Bishopville; A. S. Todd (2), Manning; A. G. White, New Harmony; D. M. Blanding, Sumter—4.

## PEE DEE PRESBYTERY.

*Ministers*—J. P. Anderson, T. F. Haney, J. J. Harrell, J. M. Holladay, J. A. Wilson—5.

*Elders*—L. W. Dick (2), Hartsville—1.

## PIEDMONT PRESBYTERY.

*Ministers*—Robert Adams, J. C. Bailey, W. H. Hamilton, W. T. Hollingsworth, T. C. Ligon (2), J. R. McRee, W. H. Mills, I. E. Wallace, C. D. Waller—9.

*Elders*—J. B. Lewis, Anderson First; M. A. Thomson, Anderson Central; J. T. McAllister, Carmel; J. R. Falls, Central; J. E. Pickett, Fort Hill; S. S. McMahan, Good Hope; W. B. Glenn, Liberty; F. C. Boggs, Pendleton; W. H. Hughs, Richland; Frans Axman, Roberts; J. W. Todd, Seneca; W. F. McLees, Townville; J. B. Gray, Varennes; M. S. Stribling, Westminster—14.

## SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERY.

*Ministers*—D. H. Coman, H. D. Corbett, J. M. Dallas, J. B. Green,

J. B. Hillhouse, J. F. Jacobs (2), F. D. Jones, James L. Martin, H. W. Pratt, W. D. Ratchford—10.

*Elders*—A. B. Morse, Abbeville; A. E. Cleveland, Bethany; J. I. Copeland (2), Clinton First; G. R. Black, Donalds; E. A. Mars, Hopewell; P. A. Simpson, Laurens, First; J. S. Gibert, Lebanon; G. P. Reid, Morris; W. J. Patterson, Ninety-Six; W. P. Jacobs (2), Thornwell Memorial; A. T. McIlwaine, Upper Long Cane; S. S. McBride, Willington—12.

The Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick was elected Moderator, and Rev. W. I. Sinnott, Temporary Clerk.

The Stated Clerk announced that four ministers of Synod had departed this life since the last meeting, viz: C. S. Vedder, D. D., M. B. Grier, T. B. Craig and W. P. Jacobs, D. D., and the Moderator had appointed committees to prepare memorials of them for this meeting of Synod. It was made the order of the day to hear these memorials during the last hour of Thursday morning's session.

Further special orders were appointed as follows: Wednesday, from 3:00 to 5:00 p. m., to hear reports of the Permanent Committees, and an address from Rev. S. L. Morris, D. D., representing the five Assembly Causes.

Wednesday evening, to hold a conference on Foreign Missions, to be addressed by Rev. H. M. Smith and Dr. J. W. Bradley, missionaries to China.

Thursday morning, first order, to hear the report of Thornwell Orphanage and Rev. J. F. Jacobs touching that institution.

Thursday morning, second order, to hear the report of the Judicial Committee on an appeal of Ruling Elder Townsend Mikell, of Edisto Island Church, against a decision of Charleston Presbytery, which appeal was now presented to Synod.

The following ministers were welcomed as corresponding members: S. L. Morris, D. D., F. H. Gaines, D. D., and R. E. Telford, all of the Synod of Georgia.

Upon the recommendation of Rev. I. E. Wallace, pastor of this church, the following were made the hours for the daily sessions of Synod: From 9:00 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.;



from 2:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.; from 7:30 p. m. to adjournment at will.

An invitation to visit Clemson College, extended by the President, Dr. W. M. Riggs, through Prof. W. H. Mills, D. D., was accepted for Thursday afternoon.

Synod then adjourned till 9:00 a. m. tomorrow, with prayer by Dr. A. W. Blackwood.

### Second Day

WEDNESDAY, November 7, 1917.

9:00 a. m.

Synod was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. H. C. Hammond.

The minutes of last evening's session were read and approved.

An address of welcome on behalf of the church and community was delivered by Elder J. W. Todd, which was responded to by the Moderator.

Additional members appearing, were enrolled during the day, as indicated on the roll (2).

The Moderator announced the following

#### STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. *Bills and Overtures*—  
Ministers—Alexander Sprunt, W. S. Hamiter, J. C. Bailey.  
Elders—J. S. Gibert, A. G. White.
2. *Judicial Business*—  
Ministers—Robert Adams, J. B. Green, G. G. Mayes.  
Elders—J. W. Todd, D. M. Blanding.
3. *Home Missions*—  
Ministers—L. L. Legters, W. A. Hafner, J. M. Holladay.  
Elders—E. A. Mars, T. Allen Legare.
4. *Narrative*—  
Ministers—A. D. P. Gilmour, D. H. Coman, R. Roy Brown.  
Elders—P. A. Simpson, J. R. Falls.
5. *Theological Seminary*—  
Ministers—E. P. Davis, P. S. McChesney, R. K. Timmons.  
Elders—G. P. Reid, G. H. Lenoir.
6. *Finances*—  
Elders—A. B. Morse, M. A. Thomson, G. B. Anderson.



7. *Minutes of the Assembly—*

Ministers—A. W. Blackwood, J. P. Anderson, G. O. Griffin.

Elders—W. J. Patterson, W. A. Clark.

8. *Leave of Absence—*

Ministers—J. L. McLees, W. D. Ratchford, W. T. Hollingsworth.

9. *Presbyterial Records—*

(1) Bethel—Melton Clark, R. G. Matheson, G. R. Black.

(2) Charleston—H. R. Murchison, H. C. Hammond, S. S. McMahan.

(3) Congaree—W. H. Mills, T. A. Beckett, A. E. Cleveland, W. J. Kimbrell.

(4) Enoree—D. M. Douglas, F. D. Vaughn, R. F. Boyd, F. C. Boggs.

(5) Harmony—J. F. Matheson, J. B. Hillhouse, M. S. Stribling.

(6) Pee Dee—J. B. Swann, W. H. Workman, A. T. McIlwaine.

(7) Piedmont—J. M. Dallas, T. F. Haney, Jno. A. Russell.

(8) South Carolina—J. J. Harrell, J. C. Grier, J. E. Pickett.

An overture from Congaree Presbytery, relative to the acceptance by South Carolina Synod of \$225,000 as its part of a \$3,000,000 fund for benevolent objects, was presented and referred to the Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

An overture from Bethel Presbytery, as to the transfer of Six-Mile Creek Church to the Synod of North Carolina, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

An overture from the South Carolina Woman's Synodical Auxiliary, concerning the colored school in Abbeville, was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A communication from W. A. Clark, Esq., concerning a legacy from Mary Hemphill, of Chester County, was read, and the following resolution was adopted concerning it:

Upon hearing the report of W. A. Clark, heretofore appointed agent for the Synod of South Carolina to represent its interest under the will of Mary Hemphill, late of the County of Chester, in the State of South Carolina,

*Resolved*, That the said report be received as information and the thanks of the Synod extended to Mr. Clark and his attorneys, Messrs. W. H. Townsend and Washington Clark, for services rendered in the said cause.

*Resolved further*, That the settlement made with the Kells claiming certain deeds from Susan Kell and the contract made for the sale of the interest to which the Synod is entitled in said lands be, and the same hereby is, approved, and that the Moderator and Clerk of the Synod who shall at that time hold said offices, or by the Trustees of Synod, should the Synod become incorporated previous to December 13, 1922, shall, at the expiration of the contract with James R. Reed and upon the payment of the sum of four thousand (\$4,000.00) dollars and any accrued interest, execute and deliver to the said James R. Reed a deed conveying the right, title and interest of the Synod of South Carolina under the said will of Mary Hemphill to the said James R. Reed.

*Resolved further*, That the contract between W. A. Clark, representing the Synod of South Carolina, and James R. Reed, together with the check of the said W. A. Clark for five hundred and thirty-four and 65-100 (\$534.65) dollars, be delivered to Rev. E. E. Gillespie, Chairman and Treasurer of the Home Mission Committee of the Synod of South Carolina, and that the said committee be directed to hold the said contract of sale in trust for the Synod of South Carolina and be authorized to collect annually from James R. Reed the interest accruing thereon, to wit: the sum of two hundred and eighty (\$280.00) dollars.

*Resolved further*, That the Home Mission Committee be, and they hereby are, authorized to expend the interest so collected annually, viz: two hundred and eighty (\$280.00) dollars and the sum of five hundred and thirty-four and 65-100 (\$534.65) dollars towards the diffusion of the gospel of Christ in the State of South Carolina as provided under the will of the said Mary Hemphill.

*Resolved further*, That the letter of W. H. Townsend, one of the attorneys in the case, together with the vouchers attached, showing the items of expenditures, be referred to the Finance Committee.

The time for convening in the afternoon was set at 3:00 o'clock, the several committees of the Synod being ordered to meet at 2:00 p. m.

The Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries were read, and their Narratives referred to the Standing Committee on the Narrative without reading.

Rev. R. C. Anderson, D. D., Synod of Appalachia, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The report of the Treasurer of Synod was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Foreign Mis-

sions was presented by the Chairman, Rev. Alex. Sprunt, D. D. It was approved and its recommendations adopted. (See Appendix.)

The time for the order of the day appointed by the last Synod having arrived, Synod heard addresses by Rev. H. A. White, D. D., and Rev. J. B. Green, D. D., on Luther and the Reformation.

The thanks of the Synod were expressed for the addresses, and a committee, consisting of Rev. G. G. Mayes, Rev. F. H. Wardlaw and Elder W. A. Clark, was appointed to request copies of these addresses from their authors and publish the same.

Synod took recess till 3:00 p. m.

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#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

3:00 p. m.

The Synod met.

Taking up the order of the day, at the request of the Moderator, Rev. S. L. Morris, D. D., presided.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Assembly's Home Missions was presented by its Chairman, Rev. E. P. Davis, D. D.

Rev. T. J. Bolger, of the Synod of New York, Presbyterian Church U. S. A., and Rev. E. G. Carson, of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod, were introduced and invited to sit as corresponding members. The Synod heard the Rev. T. J. Bolger, who is working with the Army Y. M. C. A., in connection with the report on Assembly's Home Missions. The report was approved and all its recommendations adopted except that concerning the apportionment for this work, which was docketed till the report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence. (Appendix.)

The report of the Permanent Committee on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief was presented by the Chairman, Rev. A. W. Blackwood. The report was approved and its recommendations adopted. (Appendix.)

The report of the Permanent Committee on Publication

and Sabbath School Work was presented by the Chairman, Rev. H. C. Hammond. In connection therewith, Mr. Karl Lehman addressed Synod on the subject of Young People's Work. The report was approved. (Appendix.)

The report of the Permanent Committee on the Bible Cause was presented by the Chairman, Rev. J. P. Anderson.

Rev. M. B. Porter, Synod of Virginia, and Rev. R. L. Walkup, Synod of Mississippi, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

Rev. M. B. Porter, Agency-Secretary American Bible Society, addressed the Synod. The report was approved and its recommendations adopted. (Appendix.)

The Synod heard Rev. E. G. Carson on the subject of Army Y. M. C. A. work.

Synod took recess till 7:30 p. m.

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#### EVENING SESSION.

7:30 p. m.

The Synod met.

Rev. R. C. Anderson addressed the Synod in behalf of the Montreat Association.

With Rev. Alex. Sprunt, D. D., in the chair, the order of the day was taken up, viz: a popular meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions.

Rev. H. Maxey Smith and Dr. J. W. Bradley, both missionaries to China, addressed the Synod.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence was presented by the Chairman, Rev. A. D. P. Gilmour, D. D. The report was approved, amended and its recommendations adopted. (Appendix.)

Synod adjourned till 9:00 a. m., with prayer by Dr. J. W. Bradley.

**Third Day**

THURSDAY, November 8, 1917.

9:00 a. m.

Synod was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. J. B. Hillhouse.

The minutes of the previous day were read, corrected and approved.

Rev. Thornton Whaling, D. D., of the Synod of Alabama, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The first order of the day, to hear the report on the Thornwell Orphanage, was taken up. Rev. J. F. Jacobs addressed the Synod with regard to the Orphanage. At the invitation of Synod, Mr. Thomas C. Scott, of the Orphanage, also addressed the Synod.

The verbal report was approved, and the written report, which failed to arrive through the mail, was ordered printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

Rev. J. S. Corpening, of the Baptist Church, was introduced and invited to sit as a visiting brother.

The Synod's Trustees of the Thornwell Orphanage were directed to report to the next stated meeting of the Synod respecting any changes that may be needed in the charter of the Orphanage. And the following committee was appointed to examine said charter and report any changes deemed advisable: Drs. W. B. Arrowood and E. E. Gillespie and Elder J. P. McNeill.

The Judicial Committee presented a report, which was amended and adopted:

The Committee on Judicial Business reports that it has had placed in its hands the record in the "appeal of Townsend Mikell from the action of Charleston Presbytery, sustaining the action of the Session of the Edisto Island Presbyterian Church dissolving his official relation with that church."

It is therefore recommended:

1. That it be tried by a commission of twenty-one, to be appointed by the Moderator.
2. That the commission determine the time to be given to each

party, and that the mode of procedure be that prescribed in paragraph 26I, Rules of Discipline.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROBERT ADAMS, *Chairman*.

Elder Plummer Burgess, of Fort Motte Church, was enrolled.

The Stated Clerk of Charleston Presbytery announced to Synod that Rev. S. C. Byrd, D. D., had been appointed to represent the Presbytery in the appeal against that Presbytery.

The Moderator appointed the following members to constitute the Judicial Commission, which was ordered to meet at 3:00 p. m. in the church and try the case:

<i>Ministers.</i>	<i>Elders.</i>
Rev. J. L. Martin.....	L. W. Dick
Rev. Alex. Martin (Chairman)...	George B. Anderson
Rev. H. R. Murchison.....	J. B. Spillman
Rev. A. W. Blackwood.....	G. H. O'Leary
Rev. G. G. Mayes.....	D. B. Johnson
Rev. E. P. Davis.....	G. P. Reid
Rev. J. J. Harrell.....	J. A. Russell
Rev. W. I. Sinnott.....	J. R. Falls
Rev. J. B. Green.....	W. L. Walkup
Rev. J. P. Anderson...	
Rev. Robert Adams.....	

The Central Church, Anderson, was chosen as the place, and Tuesday, November 12, 1918, 8:00 p. m., as the time of the next meeting of Synod.

The report of the Trustees of Columbia Theological Seminary was read. Pending its consideration, Rev. Thornton Whaling, D. D., President, addressed the Synod.

It was made the first order of the evening session to hear the report of the Executive Committee of Local Home Missions.

The order of the day, to hear memorials of deceased ministers, was taken up. Rev. Alex. Martin, D. D., was permitted to make a verbal memorial of Rev. T. B. Craig in lieu of the written one he had prepared, the written one to be printed in the Minutes. Memorials were then presented as follows:

Rev. C. S. Vedder, D. D., by Rev. Alex. Sprunt, D. D.



Rev. M. B. Grier, by Rev. J. M. Dallas.

Rev. T. B. Craig, by Rev. Alex. Martin, D. D.

Rev. W. P. Jacobs, D. D., by Rev. T. H. Law, D. D.

These were adopted by a rising vote, and appear in the Appendix.

Synod took recess till 7:30 p. m.

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### EVENING SESSION.

7:30 p. m.

The Synod met.

The Judicial Commission appointed to try the appeal of Mr. Townsend Mikell against Charleston Presbytery presented its report, sustaining the appeal. The report is as follows:

The Commission appointed to try the appeal of Townsend Mikell from a decision of Charleston Presbytery, sustaining the action of the Session of the Edisto Island Church in dissolving the relations of ruling elder between himself and the said church, reports as follows:

I. Commission met according to your appointment, a quorum being present, and tried the case as prescribed.

II. It appeared from the record that the Session dissolved the relationship under paragraph 113, Book of Church Order; that Mr. Mikell appealed from this action to Charleston Presbytery, and that Presbytery sustained the Session; whereupon Mr. Mikell appealed to the Synod upon the following grounds:

1. That it did not appear upon the face of the records that Elder Townsend Mikell had become unacceptable to the congregation in his "official character," and so Presbytery erred in sustaining the action of the Session.

2. That it did not appear upon the face of the record that Elder Townsend Mikell was objectionable in his official capacity "to a majority of the church he serves," and so Presbytery erred in sustaining the action of the Session.

3. That it appeared upon the face of the record that Elder Townsend Mikell was cited to appear before Session and state his objection at a called meeting of the Session, and not at a stated meeting of Session, as required by the book, and so Presbytery erred in sustaining the action of the Session.

4. That it appeared upon the face of the record that the notice served upon Elder Townsend Mikell to appear and state objections after the lapse of only seven days; whereas, the book requires that the



meeting should have been called after the lapse of not less than ten days, and so Presbytery erred in sustaining the action of the Session.

5. That the notice served upon Elder Townsend Mikell to appear and state objections why his official relations to the Edisto Island Presbyterian Church should not be dissolved stated no grounds upon which the request of the congregation to dissolve these official relations were based; that the book required that such notice should "distinctly state the grounds for this proceeding," and so Presbytery erred in sustaining the action of the Session.

6. It appeared upon the face of the record that the meetings had by the congregation of the Edisto Island Presbyterian Church and the Session of the Edisto Island Presbyterian Church and all actions and proceedings had in said cause were hasty and devoid of reasonable indulgence, which should have guided and governed the Session in dealing with a matter of such serious import, and a matter involving such consequences to Elder Townsend Mikell, and so Presbytery erred in sustaining the action of the Session.

7. That Presbytery erred in not holding that the proceedings were otherwise contrary to our form of Government and Rules of Discipline.

8. That Presbytery erred in not sustaining the appeal of Elder Townsend Mikell against the action of Session of the Edisto Island Presbyterian Church in dissolving the official relations of Elder Townsend Mikell with the congregation of the Edisto Island Presbyterian Church.

The appeal was sustained as a whole by a vote of 11 to 3.

ALEXANDER MARTIN, *Chairman*.

A committee, consisting of Rev. Alex. Martin, D. D., Rev. Robert Adams, D. D., and Elder J. B. Spillman, was appointed to formulate the judgment and instructions to the Presbytery, presented its report, whose findings were sustained and made the decision of the Synod.

The Synod approved this report, and made its findings the decision of Synod in the case.

The report of the Committee on the Theological Seminary was received, amended and adopted:

Your Committee respectfully report to the Synod as follows:

It is a cause for gratitude to God, the Giver of all good that our Seminary is in a prosperous condition. It has an able President and Faculty, excellent curriculum, an increasing number of students and a valuable material property. It needs our co-operation, sympathy, prayers, money and patronage. The past year has been a very successful one, if not the most successful one in

the history of the institution. There were 60 students, and the income of the Seminary from all sources was \$21,494.35, and the total expenditures \$24,844.56. The total endowment of the Seminary is \$254,593.42, and the estimated value of the buildings and grounds, \$150,000.00. There has been added to the endowment during the year \$4,860.00. The outlook for this School of the Prophets is bright. We recommend:

1. That the minutes of the Board of Trustees be approved, and that their neatness be commended.

2. That the report of the Board to Synod be printed in the Appendix of the Minutes.

3. That the amendments to the Plan of Government suggested by the Board be approved, with certain amendments sent to the Board.

4. The financial needs of our Seminary, especially to aid worthy candidates for the ministry, be commended to the liberality of our people.

5. That Mr. John McSween and Rev. Alexander Sprunt, D. D., be re-elected members of the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD PAYSON DAVIS, *Chairman.*

The report of the Executive Committee on Local Home Missions was presented by Rev. G. G. Mayes for the Chairman. It was approved and its recommendations adopted. (Appendix.)

The report of the Special Committee on the Judicial Commission's report was adopted:

The Committee appointed to formulate the judgment of the Synod in the appeal of Townsend Mikell from a decision of Charleston Presbytery recommends the following:

The judgment of Charleston Presbytery is hereby reversed as a whole; the effect of which reversal is to leave Ruling Elder Townsend Mikell in his official relation to the Edisto Island Church.

The Stated Clerk of Synod shall send down this judgment to the Session of said Church.

\* ALEXANDER MARTIN, *Chairman.*

The report of the Executive Committee on Schools and Colleges, presented by the Chairman, Rev. J. B. Green, D. D., was approved and its recommendations adopted. (Appendix.)

The report of the Permanent Committee on Woman's Work was presented by Rev. E. P. Davis, D. D., Chairman. It was approved and its recommendations adopted. (Appendix.)

A report from the Historian of Synod was received and the recommendations of last year repeated.

The report of an ad-interim committee on Montreat was adopted as follows:

We recommend:

1. That the Synod of South Carolina put itself on record as being in sympathy with the aims and purposes of the Mountain Retreat Association and desires to co-operate in the ownership, management and control, along with the other Synods of our Church.
2. That the nomination of Trustees, as requested, be deferred until changes in the charter now in process of modification be effected.
3. That the present Trustees be requested to safeguard carefully the rights and properties of the minority stockholders in the changes of the charter contemplated.

In behalf of the Committee,  
F. D. JONES.

A report of the Trustees of the William Brearley Home, at Montreat, was read and approved. (Appendix.)

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented a report, which was adopted, as follows:

The Committee on Bills and Overtures respectfully report:

1. In answer to the overture from Bethel Presbytery in regard to the transfer of Six-Mile Creek Church to the Mecklenburg Presbytery, Synod of North Carolina, we recommend that this Synod overtures the General Assembly to give its consent thereto.
2. In regard to the overture of the South Carolina Synodical Auxiliary, touching the property of the Industrial School for Negro Girls at Abbeville, S. C., asking that in case it is deemed expedient to move this school to some other locality that the money raised for this cause, if possible, be reserved for a site in our State, we sympathize with the South Carolina Synodical Auxiliary in their desire to retain the school within our own bounds, and we therefore recommend that this overture be granted.

The Narrative as reported by the Committee was adopted, as follows:

Your Standing Committee on the Narrative would respectfully submit the following report:

1. The attendance upon the services of the sanctuary at the morning hour is good, but God's people need to be challenged to support far better the night service.
2. The neglect of family worship is lamentable.

3. The observance of the Lord's Day is reported good, but the place of the Sabbath in the Church's life is being more and more attacked.

4. The training of the children in our homes is being neglected to an alarming degree.

5. On the other hand, the Sabbath Schools appear to be doing a constantly improving work.

6. Our people are happily growing in the grace of giving, but there is still room for much more progress.

7. In most instances, the salaries of our ministers have been fully and promptly paid.

8. There has been no special manifestation of the Holy Spirit's presence.

9. Worldly conformity is said not to exist to any great extent.

10. There is far too little evangelistic work done outside the bounds of our churches.

11. There is but small effort made to gain recruits for the gospel ministry.

12. The great majority of our churches are supplied with preaching.

A. D. P. GILMOUR, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Finance made a report, which was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee would report that we have carefully examined the Treasurer's book and find same correct, with all vouchers submitted.

Second. We have examined the accounts of the Committee on Schools and Colleges and find same correct, with all vouchers attached.

Third. We find the papers submitted to your Committee in connection with the legacy of Miss Mary Hemphill correct.

We recommend that assessments on the Presbyteries remain the same as at present.

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS B. MOORE, *Chairman*.

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly was read and adopted as follows:

We have examined the Minutes of the Generally Assembly, and among many items of interest we note the following, and we recommend that in each instance Synod urge appropriate action by the parties specified:

The Assembly calls upon the various Presbyteries to secure living salaries for their Home Mission workers (p. 45); and upon the va-

rious congregations to promote the organization of Women's Auxiliary Societies, to be affiliated with the Presbyterials, and of Adult Bible Classes, especially among the men (p. 35). The Assembly also urges that voluntary offerings be made in our congregations for the relief of the Armenian and Syrian sufferers (p. 24).

In keeping with the action of the Assembly in urging all our members to care for the spiritual welfare of our young army men (p. 50), we recommend that Synod impress upon every pastor and Session the duty of keeping closely in touch with the young men of their own congregations and in every way strengthening their faith while they are far from the restraints of home.

ANDREW W. BLACKWOOD, *Chairman*.

The report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was read and the excuses granted approved.

Upon recommendation of the several committees, the records of the following Presbyteries were approved: Bethel, Charleston, Enoree, Harmony, Pee Dee and Piedmont, and those of Congaree, with the exception that one page in the printed copy was missing.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Synod of South Carolina, in session at Seneca, believing in the divine institution of the Sabbath, and having a profound concern for the honor of God and the moral and spiritual welfare of the young men of our nation, hereby puts itself on record as emphatically and enthusiastically opposing the opening of moving picture theatres and other places of worldly amusement on the Sabbath in the cities and vicinities in which military camps are located; and commends *The State*, the Ministerial Union and the City Council of Columbia for their opposition to such openings.

The following was adopted by a rising vote:

#### RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

*Resolved*, That by a rising vote the Synod of South Carolina express to the pastor, session and congregation of the Seneca Presbyterian Church our thanks for their many kindnesses and our appreciation of their splendid hospitality.

In a most delightful manner we have been received and cared for during our stay in this charming community. With thoughtful care, our wants have been anticipated and our needs supplied. We will long remember with gratitude to God the experiences of this pleasant and profitable meeting of Synod.

That Synod desires further to extend our thanks to the brethren of our sister churches in Seneca for their cordial participation in the



entertainment of Synod. We have enjoyed being in their homes, and their fellowship has added greatly to the pleasure of our stay.

That Synod expresses our thanks to President Riggs, of Clemson College, for our delightful visit to that splendid institution.

That the pastor of this church is requested to read these resolutions to the congregation on Sabbath morning, and that the pastors of the other churches be furnished with a copy to be presented to their congregations.

It was resolved that the Synod of South Carolina pledge its loyalty to the War Commission of our Church in its efforts to meet the spiritual wants of our soldiers.

It was also resolved that the Synod approve the efforts being made to induce the conservation of food in our country.

The minutes of today's sessions were read and approved.

The Synod then adjourned, with singing the doxology, prayer and the benediction by the Moderator, to meet in the Central Church, Anderson, Tuesday, November 12, 1918, 8:00 p. m.

M. R. KIRKPATRICK, *Moderator.*

H. W. PRATT, *Permanent Clerk.*

THOS. H. LAW, *Stated Clerk.*

## APPENDIX

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### I. STATISTICAL REPORTS OF PRESBYTERIES

Bethel Presbytery respectfully reports to Synod that it consists of 24 ministers and 48 churches; and has 7 candidates under its care.

It has lost by death Rev. T. B. Craig.

It has dissolved Carmel Church.

It has received Rev. J. J. Brown from Harmony Presbytery, Rev. J. L. Yandell from Concord Presbytery, Rev. F. H. Wardlaw from Mecklenburg Presbytery, and Rev. G. W. Nickell from Abingdon Presbytery.

It has installed Rev. F. H. Wardlaw pastor of Bethesda Church, and Rev. J. L. Yandell pastor of Beersheba, Ramah and Filbert Churches.

It has licensed Mr. J. S. Land to preach the Gospel.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. A. D. P. Gilmour and Purity Church, and dismissed him to Enoree Presbytery.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. F. A. Drennan and Zion and Uriel Churches, and dismissed him to Kings Mountain Presbytery.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. R. M. Phillips and Great Falls, Cedar Shoals and Fort Lawn Churches, and dismissed to Charleston Presbytery.

It has dismissed Rev. J. A. McMurray to Fayetteville Presbytery; Licentiate J. S. Land, to New Orleans Presbytery; and Candidate H. D. Smith, to the care of Presbytery of Western Texas.

W. B. ARROWOOD, *Stated Clerk*.

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Charleston Presbytery reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it consists of 16 ministers and 26 churches, and has under its care one licentiate and one candidate for the ministry.

It has received Rev. D. P. Junkin from Piedmont Presbytery and Rev. R. M. Phillips from Bethel Presbytery, and Licentiate P. W. DuBose from Concord Presbytery. It has received Nelson Walter, of Harmony Church, as a candidate for the ministry.

It has dismissed Rev. Jonas Barclay to Orange Presbytery; Rev. J. W. Lafferty, to Central Mississippi Presbytery; and Rev. Donald McQueen, to Suwanee Presbytery.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick and Mt. Pleasant Church, and between Rev. Donald McQueen and Westminster Church.

It has installed Rev. D. P. Junkin pastor of the New Wappetaw Church.



It has organized Varnville Church and enrolled it.  
It has ordained Licentiate P. W. DuBose as an evangelist.  
It has lost by death the Rev. C. S. Vedder, D. D., LL. D.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER SPRUNT, *Stated Clerk.*

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Congaree Presbytery reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it consists of 17 ministers and 30 churches, and has under its care 7 candidates for the ministry.

It has installed Rev. Daniel Iverson pastor of the St. Matthews and Fort Motte Churches, and Rev. W. S. Harden pastor of Shandon Church, Columbia.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. R. B. Grinnan, D. D., and the Woodrow Memorial Church, of Columbia, and dismissed him to Norfolk Presbytery, Synod of Virginia; also the pastoral relation between the Rev. T. D. Johnston and the Aiken Church.

It has organized one church at Lugoff and enrolled it as Rowan Chapel.

It has licensed Candidate W. S. Hutchison to preach the Gospel and has dismissed him to Asheville Presbytery, Synod of Appalachia.

T. D. JOHNSTON, *Stated Clerk.*

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Enoree Presbytery reports to the Synod that it consists of 31 ministers and 40 churches, and has under its care four candidates for the ministry.

It has ordained Licentiate Frank P. Anderson to the full work of the ministry and installed him pastor of Woodruff and Center Point Churches.

It has received Rev. C. D. Fulton from West Jersey Presbytery, U. S. A., and Rev. T. A. Beckett from South Carolina Presbytery, and dismissed Rev. J. Andrew Smith to Concord Presbytery.

It has dissolved the pastoral relations existing between Rev. Asa D. Watkins and Spartanburg Second Church and between, Rev. J. S. Lyons, Jr., and Greenville Fourth Church.

It has installed Rev. T. A. Beckett pastor of Glenn Springs and Mount Calvary Churches.

EDWARD PAYSON DAVIS, *Stated Clerk.*

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Harmony Presbytery respectfully reports to the Synod that it consists of 17 ministers and 32 churches; it has under its care 9 candidates for the ministry:

It has dismissed Rev. J. J. Brown to Bethel Presbytery and Rev. A. C. Bridgman to West Hanover Presbytery.

It has received Rev. E. B. Carr from the Presbytery of Wilmington.

It has installed Rev. H. A. Knox pastor of Georgetown and Andrews (note this church's name has been changed from Rosemary).

It has organized a church, named Baker.

It has dropped from the roll the New Hope Church, it having become extinct.

W. H. WORKMAN, *Stated Clerk*.

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Pee Dee Presbytery respectfully reports to Synod that it consists of 20 ministers and 37 churches, and has under its care 8 candidates for the ministry.

It has received Rev. W. B. Chandler from the Presbytery of Seawanee and installed him pastor of the Dillon Church.

It has received Rev. H. Tucker Graham, D. D., from West Hanover Presbytery and arranged for his installation as pastor of the Florence Church.

It has ordained Licentiate J. S. Garner and installed him pastor of the churches of Mullins and Fork.

It has licensed Candidate Neill McInnis and dismissed him to Concord Presbytery.

It has received under its care, as candidates for the ministry, Frank R. Barnes, James T. Gillespie and T. M. Stevenson.

It has dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. R. T. Gillespie and the Florence Church; between Rev. John McSween and the Dillon and Little Rock Churches; between Rev. H. W. Head and the Effingham Church.

It has dismissed Rev. R. T. Gillespie to West Lexington Presbytery.

It has dismissed Candidate J. D. Gillespie to Cherokee Presbytery, and Candidate T. M. Stevenson to Concord Presbytery.

A. H. McARN, *Stated Clerk*.

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Piedmont Presbytery respectfully reports to the Synod of South Carolina that it consists of 12 ministers and 37 churches, and has under its care three candidates for the ministry.

It has dissolved the pastoral relations between Rev. W. H. Mills and the Fort Hill Church; between Rev. C. L. Stewart and the Honea Path Church, and installed him as pastor of the Pelzer Church; between the Rev. D. W. Dodge and the Anderson Central Church, and deposed him from the ministry upon conviction of certain doctrinal errors; between Rev. J. E. Wallace and the Westminster Church, and dismissed him to the Presbytery of Macon; between Rev. D. P. Junkin and the Belton and Piedmont Churches, and dismissed him to the Presbytery of Charleston; between Rev. W. H. Frazer, D. D., and the First Church, Anderson, and dismissed him to the Presbytery of Central Mississippi.

It has received Rev. P. S. McChesney from the Presbytery of

Harmony, and made arrangements to install him as pastor of Anderson Central Church.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. H. MILLS, *Stated Clerk*.

South Carolina Presbytery respectfully reports to Synod that it consists of 20 ministers and 43 churches, and has under its care two candidates for the ministry.

It has dissolved the pastoral relations between Rev. T. A. Beckett, Jr., and the Whitmire, Rocky Spring and Shady Grove Churches; between Rev. C. F. Rankin and the Laurens First Church; between Rev. J. L. McLin and the Dorroh Church.

It has dismissed Rev. T. A. Beckett, Jr., to Enoree Presbytery, and Rev. C. F. Rankin to West Hanover Presbytery.

It has lost by death Rev. M. B. Grier and Rev. W. P. Jacobs, D. D.

It has licensed Candidate G. A. Nickles and dismissed him to Asheville Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,  
H. WADDELL PRATT, *Stated Clerk*.

## II. TREASURER'S REPORT

*Thos. H. Law, Treasurer, in account with the Synod of South Carolina.*

### I. CONTINGENT FUND.

	DR.	CR.
To balance in hand beginning of year .....	\$ 96.78	
To assessment Bethel Presbytery .....	68.00	
To assessment Charleston Presbytery .....	19.00	
To assessment Congaree Presbytery .....	28.00	
To assessment Enoree Presbytery .....	52.00	
To assessment Harmony Presbytery .....	31.00	
To assessment Pee Dee Presbytery .....	31.00	
To assessment Piedmont Presbytery, 1917 and 1918...	60.00	
To assessment South Carolina Presbytery .....	41.00	
By printing and distributing Minutes .....		\$193.47
By salary Stated Clerk and Treasurer .....		100.00
By salary and expenses Permanent Clerk .....		15.55
By expenses circular changing time .....		3.50
By balance in hand close of year .....		114.26
	<hr/> \$426.78	<hr/> \$426.78

## SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA

## II. TOWNSEND FUND.

To interest on investment .....	\$231.89	
By balance due Treasurer close of last year .....		58.21
By balance now in hand .....		173.68
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	\$231.89	\$231.89
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Respectfully submitted,

THOS. H. LAW, *Treasurer.*

## III. REPORT ON LOCAL HOME MISSIONS

For the information of new members of the Synod, the eldership and societies and individuals seeking information relative to the Home Mission work of the Synod, we deem it fitting to set forth the brief statement of the plan adopted by the Synod at its meeting in Sumter in 1908 and afterwards approved by the Presbyteries. The report adopted is as follows:

1. That all distinctions between Local, Presbyterial and Synodical Home Missions be obliterated and the cause within the Synod be one, designated "Local Home Missions."

2. That each Presbytery be entrusted with the management of all the Home Mission work within its bounds through its Committee on Local Home Missions.

3. That the Synod elect annually a General Superintendent, a General Evangelist, and a General Treasurer of Local Home Missions.

4. That the Chairmen of the Presbyterial Committees on Local Home Missions constitute a committee, to be known as the Synod's Committee on Local Home Missions, to the end that an agency may be had by which the stronger Presbyteries may aid the weaker, and by which the unity of the work within the Synod may be preserved.

5. That it be the duty of this committee: (1) to elect its own officers; (2) to nominate for election by the Synod the Superintendent, Evangelist and Treasurer above mentioned; (3) to determine the salaries of Superintendent and Evangelist; (4) to arrange a division of the time and labors of Superintendent and Evangelist among the several Presbyteries; (5) to direct the Treasurer in the disbursement of the funds that may come into its hands; (6) to determine the time and place of its meetings; and (7) to make a full report to each annual meeting of Synod of all the Home Mission work to which our churches contribute within and without our bounds, with such recommendations as it may deem best.

6. That collections be taken in all our churches for Local Home Missions during the months formerly set apart for Synodical and Presbyterial Home Missions, viz.: February, June and August. That Presbyteries and churches following the apportionment plan increase

their apportionment for Presbyterial Home Missions to a sum equal the amount formerly apportioned for Synodical and Presbyterial Home Missions. That all funds contributed for Local Home Missions by churches, societies, individuals, etc., be forwarded to the Treasurer of their respective Presbyteries. That the several Presbyterial Treasurers forward to the General Treasurer two-fifths of all funds received for Local Home Missions, to be used by the Synod's Committee in payment of salaries of the Superintendent and the Evangelist, and in aiding the weaker Presbyteries in their Home Mission work.

A SURVEY OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

*Bethel.*—Much of the Home Mission territory of Bethel has been transferred to Pee Dee, but is indirectly sustained by 70 per cent. of the offerings for Local Home Missions being sent to the Synod's Committee. In addition to this, several interesting phases of the work may be mentioned. The church at Tirzah has been completed and the one at Filbert is almost completed. The Presbytery has aided groups of churches, including ten churches. The Presbytery's apportionment for the Georgetown debt has been met in full. Evangelistic meetings have been held in many of the churches, attended by good results. The work at Smith's has been reopened and under the efficient management of Rev. F. H. Wardlaw promises to be a field of much fruitfulness.

*Charleston.*—This Presbytery contains a wide field for Home Mission activity, and is one to which the committee appropriated and paid last year the sum of \$1,200. There are twenty-six churches in the Presbytery, with only four of them self-supporting. Since the last meeting of Synod a church has been organized at Varnville, in Hampton County. There are several new places opening up with promise, and ministers have been secured recently to locate in this territory. Two more active men are needed at once.

*Congaree.*—The work in Congaree during the past year has wholly been of a sustentative character. Two groups of two churches each, which have been aided to the sum of \$450, have become self-supporting. Two groups of mission origin have had their first pastor installed. Four groups containing eight churches are being aided to the amount of \$1,200. No report was made to Presbytery on evangelism, but it is known that evangelistic meetings were held in four churches. There is much unoccupied territory within the bounds of the Presbytery which the lack of funds prevents entering at present. To keep up the work already in hand, the committee has been drawing upon its credit.

*Enoree.*—The outstanding feature of the work in Enoree during the last year has been the evangelistic activities. There have been held eighteen meetings with gratifying results. A church has been organized at Landrum and the work at Monaghan put on a sound basis. Several Sunday Schools have been revived and the general Sunday School work is gratifying. The Home Mission Committee has supplied several



vacant churches with preaching by Seminary students whose work was highly satisfactory.

*Harmony.*—The work generally is in good shape, all churches being supplied regularly with preaching as often as twice a month. Only one group is without a pastor. The Georgetown work is in especially good condition and but for the failure of some of the Presbyteries to pay their apportionment for the long standing debt the work would be entirely out of debt. The people of the community have met in full their part of the obligation and the amount due from the Presbyteries has been reduced to about \$225.00. It is sincerely hoped that the delinquent Presbyteries will make arrangements to pay the amount due before the adjournment of this Synod.

*Pee Dee.*—Of the thirty-seven churches in Pee Dee Presbytery, thirty-three have pastors and the four vacant churches are supplied regularly. Sixteen churches, in six groups, are aided by the Presbytery, and of the 145 additions the past fiscal year on profession of faith, twenty-four came from these sixteen churches. The Presbytery contributed for all kinds of Home Mission work the sum of \$4,006. Churches receiving aid are required each year to make an every-member canvass and also put forth an earnest effort to increase the amount paid the pastor. An evangelistic campaign was outlined at the fall meeting, 1916, for a period of twelve months, and every minister assigned a definite part in the work. A number of meetings have been held and much good accomplished.

*Piedmont.*—The work of evangelism has received much attention in Piedmont during the year that has just closed. Fifteen meetings have been held with good results in each case. In two towns large union meetings were also held, participated in by all denominations and reaching large numbers with the Gospel. A Sunday School Missionary was at work all summer conserving the work of organization of last year. Presbytery has directed that certain churches be regrouped, looking to the employment of an additional pastor and greater efficiency. The church at Clemson College is now without a pastor, but efforts are being put forth to secure one at the earliest possible date. The debt on the Fort Hill Church, incurred by making the much-needed improvements on the building, has been much reduced by efforts put forth by Rev. W. H. Mills. Synod's Committee supplied the Fort Hill Church during the absence of Brother Mills. The church still owes about five hundred dollars.

*South Carolina.*—All the Home Mission churches had meetings during the year. In most cases there were additions; in one case there were twenty. Some of the self-supporting churches also have had special evangelistic services. The committee is expecting to organize a church at McCormick before a great while, thus giving our church representation at the county seat of the new county. The amount con-

tributed to all kinds of Home Mission work in the Synod was \$1,745.

#### EVANGELISM IN THE SYNOD.

There is great need of a State-wide campaign in evangelistic work. Many of our churches have received very few on examination, and 92 churches, representing a membership of 3,830, reported no additions on profession of faith during the year ending April, last. It is true that several of the churches were vacant, yet 69 of the 92, representing a membership of 3,062 having either pastors or supplies, reported no additions on profession of faith. Surely there is dire need of a true revival of religion within our bounds.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

(For thirteen months, October 1, 1916, to November 1, 1917.)

##### *Receipts.*

Bethel Presbytery .....	\$1,098.81
Enoree Presbytery .....	337.43
Congaree Presbytery .....	150.00
Charleston Presbytery .....	000.00
Harmony Presbytery .....	579.12
Pee Dee Presbytery .....	549.48
Piedmont Presbytery .....	403.50
South Carolina Presbytery .....	679.79
On Rev. J. A. Smith's account .....	92.25
On Georgetown debt account .....	828.58
For Filbert Ch. fr. Bethel Presbytery .....	100.00
For Tirzah Ch. fr. Bethel Presbytery .....	100.00

Total receipts .....\$4,918.96

##### *Disbursements.*

For work in Charleston Presbytery .....	\$1,300.00
For work in Harmony Presbytery .....	650.00
For work at Clemson College .....	343.34
For work in Pee Dee Presbytery .....	758.33
For committee meetings .....	49.60
For Georgetown debt .....	828.58
For Rev. J. A. Smith, balance due .....	150.00
For interest paid to November 1, 1917 .....	221.32
For Filbert and Tirzah Churches (Fr. Bethel) .....	200.00
For refund to Rev. J. M. Holladay, Treasurer .....	10.77
For stationery and postage .....	3.25
Deficit from last year .....	1,970.07

Total disbursements and deficit .....\$6,490.26

Total receipts .....4,918.96

Deficit November 1, 1917 .....\$1,571.30

E. E. GILLESPIE, *Treasurer.*



Your committee would recommend:

1. That your committee be empowered to elect a Superintendent and fix the salary, as soon as in our judgment a suitable man is found.
2. That Rev. E. E. Gillespie, D. D., be re-elected Treasurer.

G. G. MAYES, *Acting Chairman.*

#### IV. REPORT ON ASSEMBLY'S HOME MISSIONS

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the solution of modern problems in the South; and the purpose of our Church, through its Home Mission agencies, is to preach its truths by which the Holy Spirit regenerates, convicts, converts, sanctifies, and saves men. Preaching the Gospel is the adaptation of these truths to present-day conditions. The Church cannot make truth; but it can publish it to all classes. Jesus is the Light; the Church, the candlestick. A careful study of the illuminating report of the Executive Committee of Assembly Home Missions reveals the vital importance of the work, as well as the marvelous blessing of God upon it, as facts which have been called "the fingers of God" will show. The committee has raised \$193,363.48 from churches, societies, Sabbath Schools and individuals for the work; supported, in whole or in part, 632 missionaries, including their wives, estimated at 200; served 11 nationalities, to wit: Mexicans, Cubans, French, Italians, Bohemians, Hungarians, Russians, Poles, Syrians, Chinese, and Indians; assisted 33 colored ministers serving 71 churches with a membership of 2,800 and a constituency of 5,000; aided 138 mountain workers, including evangelists, pastors and teachers serving 111 stations with 3,589 Sabbath School pupils and 2,155 day scholars, making 5,000 pastoral visits, conducting 2,047 religious services and collecting \$2,721; conducted 42 mission schools for backward classes taught by 149 teachers serving 2,630 pupils; maintained an orphanage at Clay City, Ky., a theological seminary at Tuscaloosa, Ala., for colored ministers, a college for Indians at Durant, Okla., and a school for negroes at Abbeville, S. C.; aided 11 churches by donations and loans to the extent of \$4,250, thus promoting buildings worth \$20,000; received 5,624 persons on profession of faith into membership in the Home Mission churches, and perhaps as many by certificate; conducted 38 conferences on evangelism; assisted 30 evangelists, as well as supported a prison evangelist, whose Gospel message brought 1,971 into the Church; co-operated with other agencies in supporting Campaign Committee, Woman's Auxiliary, Missionary Survey, two Laymen's Conventions for Home Missions and the Home Mission Council; promoted Home Mission Week and furnished literature to churches and societies for its proper observance and sustained, in whole or in part, two entire Presbyteries conducted in foreign languages: Indian Presbytery in Choctaw, with 12 missionaries, 22 churches and 500 communicants, and Texas-Mexican Presby-

tery, with 8 missionaries, 21 churches and 1,152 communicants. The estimated totals are 15,000 sermons preached by our missionaries; 25,000 visits made; 700 churches and stations supplied; 5,624 persons received on profession of faith; 50,000 hearers instructed on an average each Sabbath of the year. The object of the committee is to overtake the destitutions in the frontier and mountain sections, among the negroes and the foreign-speaking people. It is divided into eight departments: Evangelistic, sustentation, church erection, mission schools, mountaineers, negroes, foreigners, and the frontier.

Interest in *Evangelism* is increasing in our Presbyteries, Synods and Assembly. The number of Presbyteries reporting a definite plan of evangelism has been doubled, while those that have a partial plan have increased more than 50 per cent. In two years there has been a decrease of 23 per cent. in the number of churches failing to report a convert, an increase of 35 per cent. in the number of additions on profession of faith, and 12 per cent. in net increase in membership. The Assembly has four evangelists and there are forty-five Presbyterial and Synodical evangelists that devote their whole time to the work. The prime purpose of *Sustentation* is to aid weak organizations in the midst of great destitutions. It seeks to gather, organize and develop the results of evangelistic work among the poor.

*Church Erection* is a test of denominational development. It has been said that "Churches unassisted mean churches unassisting; but churches helped today mean churches helping tomorrow. Homeless churches mean Christless homes." Our committee has found that it is not always the wisest policy to assist a church by a donation. It may be best in the case of feeble organizations; but loans wisely made will yield better results than donations to assist in the erection of houses of worship. Our Church has a working capital of only \$31,000 for this object, distributed as follows: Moore fund, \$6,000; manse fund, \$5,000; and semi-centennial fund, \$20,000. Is not this a reproach to a denomination whose aggregate wealth, by calculation, has been estimated to be more than a billion dollars? Other churches make much larger appropriations to this object than we do. The territory for *Frontier Work* is extensive. It embraces western, mountain, rural and even urban fields. Texas is the largest in area and its material prosperity, increasing population, strategic points, and 2,000,000 unsaved people appeal to us for more men and means to reap the golden harvests. Oklahoma is next in extent. Eighty-two per cent. of its 3,000,000 people are not connected with any church. Six hundred and twenty-five members were added to the churches of the Synod last year, 440 by profession and 185 by certificate. Only one Presbytery has an evangelist. It is hoped that the meeting of the Assembly next year in Durant will help this work. We have 46 *Mission Schools* and

*Stations* under the control of the Assembly, Synods, Presbyteries and Local Boards. Some of them are located at Guerrant, Ky.; Clay City, Ky.; Plumtree, N. C.; Heidelberg, Ky.; Santee, Ga.; Blackey, Ky.; Banner Elk, N. C.; Cooke County, Tenn.; and in Asheville Presbytery, N. C. God has blessed the Church, school, hospital, educational, and orphans' home work in these and other mission schools, as the facts and figures of their detailed reports indicate. It is primary and constructive.

*Mission Work* has been prosecuted among the Mexicans in Texas; Italians, in Kansas City, Mo., and Birmingham, Ala.; Cubans, in Ybor City, Fla.; Bohemians, in East Hanover Presbytery; Hungarians, in Virginia and West Virginia; Russians, at Hopewell, Va., and Syrians, in Atlanta. Thirty-two missionaries are working among the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians in Oklahoma. There are 22 churches and 500 communicants. During the year 122 were added to the churches by profession of faith; one church was organized and evangelistic services were conducted for ten days in each of the churches in Indian Presbytery. Oklahoma College reports 127 students, 70 of them being Presbyterians, and Durant College maintains high ideals in education and emphasizes the Christian life. It is difficult for us to appreciate the magnitude, diversity and complexity of the tasks of our Executive Committee in their efforts to solve all the problems that arise from these conditions.

Our beloved Church has never done its full duty to the 9,000,000 *Colored People* of the South. The negro needs the Presbyterian Church, because it stands for high ideals in the home, an educated ministry, Sabbath observance and strength of Christian character among other essentials. Many of them have accumulated property and four-fifths of them live in the country. Thirty per cent. of them are illiterate and large numbers of them lack will-power, good morals and religion. They greatly need the Gospel of Christ in its purity to elevate their home life and make them better citizens and church members. Fresh interest is being shown in this branch of the Assembly's Home Mission work in Stillman Institute; in evangelistic work; in Mission Sabbath Schools in Louisville, Ky., Atlanta, Ga., and Richmond, Va., and in day schools. The Assembly has organized the colored ministers and churches into a separate Synod that met last May in Tuscaloosa, Ala. It has four Presbyteries, 33 ministers, 70 churches and 2,800 communicants.

The Executive Committee has 50 *Mission Schools*, with 75 teachers and 3,000 scholars, that are designed as adjuncts to evangelistic effort. During the past year the committee has conducted a *Campaign of Education* in the interest of Home Missions and encouraged the organization of mission study classes. Dr. S. L. Morris has written a book, whose title is "*The Task that Challenges*," that is full of thrilling facts

and illustrations with reference to various phases of Assembly Home Mission work. It is adapted to mission study classes. Two great *Home Mission Conventions* were held at Lexington and New Orleans. It was the privilege of your Chairman to attend the convention at Lexington, where the general theme was "America Must Not Fail." The program was comprehensive, rich and practical, and the subjects were discussed by expert ministers and laymen. Minute details were discussed in sectional conferences on "Rural and Mountain Problems," "Evangelism and Individual Work for Individuals," "Our Foreign Speaking and Negro Populations," and "Special Classes and Their Needs."

The committee has *co-operated* with the Campaign Committee on Christian Stewardship and the Committee on Systematic Beneficence; appreciated the assistance of the Women's Auxiliary; observed Home Mission Week, and encouraged our Christian Endeavor Societies to support Beechwood Seminary, at Heidelberg, Ky., which has 6 teachers, 140 pupils and requiring an annual expenditure of \$1,800.

In view of all these facts, we desire to emphasize the great success of the work. We wish especially to call the attention of our Synod to the following things, to wit: That 5,634 have been added by profession of faith to our Home Mission churches; the pressing needs; the starvation salaries of our missionaries; the inadequate equipment which should be provided by voluntary offerings during Home Mission Week; the 27 per cent. allowed by the Assembly for this cause, which should not be divided with local objects; the increasing demands on the committee, which cannot be met, and the indebtedness caused by the panic the first year of the war.

The churches of the Synod of South Carolina contributed \$15,035 to Assembly Home Missions last year. Of this amount the Presbytery of Bethel gave \$2,580; Charleston, \$740; Congaree, \$1,553; Enoree, \$2,799; Harmony, \$2,371; Pee Dee, \$1,865; Piedmont, \$948, and South Carolina, \$2,179. Our Executive Committee closes its report with the sentence: "The Church has but to will a forward movement all along the line, and the Home Mission heroes are ready to leap forward and plant the banner of the Cross upon the ramparts of the enemy and turn to flight the armies of the aliens."

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend that the following deliverances of the last Assembly, with reference to its Home Mission work, be approved by this Synod:

1. Recognizing the necessity of prayer in the work of Home Missions and the importance of getting this great cause into the prayer life of our people, we recommend that Synods and Presbyteries be urged to set apart a special hour during their sessions for intercessory prayer and earnest consideration of the need and widening scope



of Assembly's Home Missions and that sessions and pastors give this cause a place in the monthly concert of prayer, and urge upon their congregations the daily use of the Calendar of Prayer for Home Missions.

2. That the Assembly emphasize the necessity of churches recognizing the obligation to give to Assembly's Home Missions the full 27 per cent. of undesignated benevolent offering for Assembly's work.

3. That the General Assembly recommends to the various Synods and Presbyteries the advisability of inviting one, or both, of our Secretaries of Home Missions to become an advisory member of their Committee on Comity for Counsel and Assistance in Promoting Co-operation, Exchange of Churches, and to prevent overlapping.

4. That the sum of \$356,000, as recommended by the Committee of Systematic Beneficence be named as a minimum amount to be apportioned to this cause for the year 1918-1919, and that the Presbyterial Committees of Systematic Beneficence see to it that each church receives early in the year notification of its share of this amount.

5. That November 18-25 be observed as Home Mission Week, in which the important problems of Home Missions be especially studied by all our churches in the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD PAYSON DAVIS, *Chairman.*

## V. REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

The work of foreign evangelism has continued with growing interest and promise. Notwithstanding the confusion and strife which prevails throughout the world, this work of God goes quietly on. Our responsibility, too, continues, and is in no wise lessened, but rather increased, because the cry that comes to us from the far-away land is more urgent and louder than ever. From the standpoint of the necessity and urgency of the work, the vastness of the field, the fewness of the laborers, and yet withal the wonderful success God is bestowing on the labors of our missionaries, there is no work comparable to it, and no greater returns for our efforts in all the experience of the Church today.

Never has there been such reports of successful endeavor from the fields as have come to us in recent weeks. The number received into the Church, with all the care and caution of the missionaries, has been larger this past year by nearly one-third than ever before in the mission history of our Church. The whole number was 5,256, which represents an average for each ordained missionary of 47, while the average for our ministers at home was last year 10.

It is well to be reminded that our field abroad has an estimated population of 31,846,127 souls, and we have sent out to undertake the

work assigned us 377 laborers (154 men and 223 women); that is, one missionary to 84,000 souls, and one physician to 1,062,000. The marvel is that we should have such a report of encouragement in the face of such odds. The income last year from native sources on the field was \$122,332.00, a larger sum than our Southern Presbyterian Church ever contributed in one year before the year 1900. Last year 21 missionaries were added to our force and 11 withdrawn from it, one by resignation and 10 by deserved promotion from the Master Himself, says the Secretary of Foreign Missions. For some years our contributions to the cause have increased from year to year, but the debt of \$62,766 of 1916 was increased at the time of the making of the last report to the Assembly to \$73,426. This was because of increased expenses because of the world war now waging. It is estimated that the actual cost of our work this year will be increased by about \$50,000 above what it would normally be, for the same reason. We have heard and we shall hear of the many demands on us for money, and as this war continues these calls will be greater and more varied. Some of our people will be disposed to curtail their contributions to this cause because of these outside and extraordinary demands. But how shall the work go on if we neglect our obligations to those already sent out to do the work? It should be borne in mind constantly that the churches of Great Britain and Canada, which, though carrying tremendous war burdens, have increased instead of diminished their contributions to the cause of Foreign Missions. Why should we diminish ours? We cannot do so and not cause suffering to many.

We are told by the Treasurer of the Executive Committee in plain business statements that "We have a \$750,000 work abroad *now*. No less will adequately sustain the work *as it is now*. The Assembly has recognized this fact for years, and at Birmingham, in 1917, once more called the Church to come at the earliest moment to a million a year for Foreign Missions." It will require nearly \$3.00 per member to insure this amount. And what did our churches do for the work this last year? In Harmony Presbytery the average contribution last year was \$2.07; in Charleston Presbytery, \$1.86; in Bethel, \$1.80; in Enoree, \$1.71; in South Carolina, \$1.59; in Congaree, \$1.52; in Pee Dee, \$1.37; in Piedmont, \$1.19; and in the Synod, \$1.84.

In Bethel Presbytery there were 10 churches that did not contribute to the cause last year; in Charleston, none; in Congaree there were 6; in Enoree there were 8; in Harmony there were 2; in Pee Dee there were 5; in Piedmont there were 8; in South Carolina there were 4; and in the Synod, 43, with an aggregate membership of about 1,300 members. These facts are an indictment against somebody. It may be well to ask the question: "Is it I?"

Our people, in common with our fellow citizens generally, are responding with becoming loyalty to the government, to the Red Cross

demands, the Army Y. M. C. A., and the Liberty Bonds, and these causes are being carried by business men and women who are interested in the success of their measures. There are no more competent men and women in general than those to be found in our churches, Elders and Deacons, and members of our Missionary Societies, and they could, if they would, easily carry out the necessary measures to insure the successful raising of the million dollars for this cause if they go at it as the canvassers for government funds have undertaken to raise their necessary amounts.

We commend most heartily the enterprise which has so successfully been launched in Harmony Presbytery, by which groups of small country churches may undertake the support of a missionary, or the equivalent in the general expense account of the committee. These churches band themselves in an agreement to set aside an acre for God's work and carefully cultivating it and applying the proceeds to the cause to which it has been dedicated. This plan has put Harmony Presbytery at the top of our list as coming nearest to the goal for the million dollars for missions.

This plan will work in the country with wonderful success, and some other plan can be devised to work as successfully in towns and cities, with a like spirit of devotion behind it.

Your committee would simply recommend that the Presbyterial Chairman keep this subject before them, and throughout the year endeavor to keep in touch with the pastors and supplies of our churches and the sessions of vacant churches, with the endeavor of securing a contribution from every church, and in every church from every member.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER SPRUNT, *Chairman.*

## VI. REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND MINISTERIAL RELIEF

1. *Endowment Fund.*—Through the blessing of God upon the liberality of a Presbyterian Elder and of the entire denomination, the Endowment Fund for Ministerial Relief has been increased to \$543,000, all of which is safely invested. The Assembly urges that this sum be increased to \$1,000,000. Other denominations, notably the Protestant Episcopal Church, are doing relatively far more for their aged ministers than we.

2. *Ministerial Relief.*—Eighty ministers, 158 widows and 25 orphans without father or mother were aided last year to the amount of \$52,773 an average of only 55 cents daily for each family. In these 263 families aided were 81 fatherless children less than 14 years of age, and 42 less than ten years. Twenty-seven of these dependant families belong in the Synod of South Carolina, and they received in all from the committee, \$4,525.



3. *Education for the Ministry.*—Four hundred and eighty-nine candidates for the ministry, a decrease of 34, were reported by the various Presbyteries; and 306, or more than 60 per cent., received aid from the Assembly's Committee, to the amount of \$30,740. Forty of these candidates came from the Synod of South Carolina, and of these 31 received aid.

4. *Students' Loan Fund.*—This loan fund is being raised by special offerings and by "Memorial Scholarships" of \$400 each, payable \$100 a year or as the donor prefers. Boys and girls of approved character studying in Presbyterian Colleges in preparation for Christian work borrow \$100 a year for four years or less. The fund amounts to \$25,000, and in the past four years loans have been granted to 95 young men and 68 young women, none of whom have at the time received other aid from the committee.

5. *General Finances.*—Total receipts, exclusive of the Endowment Fund last year was \$91,573, a decrease of \$4,718, resulting in an overdraft of \$12,980. During the current year the receipts for the first five months have been \$33,970, an increase of \$9,702 over the corresponding period last year. The General Assembly asks as a minimum sum this year \$165,000 and sets as the amount needed \$280,000.

The Endowment Fund is by no means a substitute for the regular gifts of the churches, but rather a supplement. Our educational work needs to be vastly strengthened, and even if the cost of living were not increasing, the pittance doled out to our worthy dependents would in many cases be altogether inadequate. This cause is not a charity, but a debt.

6. *The Calendar.*—The Assembly appoints Sabbath, December 23rd, 1917, as a day to be observed by our Sabbath Schools in the interest of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief. The Committee is preparing an especially attractive program and it needs a liberal offering from every school.

The Assembly sets apart Sabbath, February 24th, 1918, as the culminating day of a Week of Prayer for Schools and Colleges, and commends this season to every congregation.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Synod hereby expresses its gratitude to God for the successful completion of the Endowment Fund Campaign, and pledges to Him a more sympathetic interest in the welfare of these who most need the friendly shelter of His Church.

2. That each pastor and session be urged to take proper steps to secure monthly remittances for this and every other Assembly cause.

3. That these spiritual leaders be urged to secure the proper observance of Sabbath School Day in December and of the Week of Prayer in February.

4. That they be urged to maintain close relations by mail and

otherwise with young men absent in the service of their country, suggesting that they affiliate closely with Presbyterian churches near the various camps, and sending their names and camp addresses to the pastors of such churches.

5. That they be urged to maintain and even increase their interest in youths not yet in the service of their country, especially those absent in schools and colleges; and to watch most carefully over the lambs of the flock.

ANDREW W. BLACKWOOD, *Chairman.*

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## VII. REPORT ON SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Your committee again reports with pleasure and gratitude that both our colleges opened with good attendance and excellent promise for another year of work. The disturbed condition of the country due to the war has reduced somewhat the attendance at the Presbyterian College. The number of boarding pupils in Chicora College for Women is larger than ever.

Both colleges are still in need of larger support both in money and in patronage. The burden, in the shape of scholarship students, which the Presbyterian College has carried for years at the price of an annual deficit in its treasury of \$2,500 or \$3,000, should be fully assumed by congregations and individuals.

Your committee heartily endorses the proposal to raise \$225,000 as our quota of the \$3,000,000 needed for our general benevolences. The raising of this amount would yield \$30,000 for schools and colleges, which would greatly relieve the pressure of their necessities.

### RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We renew the recommendation of last year that Synod ask and urge all churches to put the cause of schools and colleges within our bounds in their budgets for 13 1-3 per cent. of their undesignated benevolences.

2. That the pastors and sessions of churches which do not devote 13 1-3 per cent. of their benevolences to this cause be asked to take a collection for our synodical schools on the Day of Prayer for Schools and Colleges.

3. That in case the campaign for \$225,000 is successful, the Presbyterian College receive 60 per cent. of the \$30,000 apportioned to cause of Christian education; Chicora College for Women, 25 per cent., and the Theological Seminary at Columbia, 15 per cent.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. GREEN, *Chairman.*

TREASURER'S REPORT OF SYNOD'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

Balance on hand October 7, 1916.....\$ 63.46

RECEIPTS.

Bethel Presbytery .....	33 churches gave.....	931.82
Charleston Presbytery .....	12 churches gave.....	136.19
Congaree Presbytery .....	16 churches gave.....	122.59
Enoree Presbytery .....	13 churches gave.....	155.62
Harmony Presbytery .....	19 churches gave.....	393.53
Pee Dee Presbytery .....	17 churches gave.....	386.66
Piedmont Presbytery .....	15 churches gave.....	130.93
South Carolina Presbytery .....	28 churches gave.....	598.75

153

\$2,919.55

DISBURSEMENTS.

Expense account .....	\$ 168.42
To Chicora College for Women .....	500.00
To Presbyterian College of South Carolina .....	2,200.00
Balance in bank November 1, 1917 .....	51.13

\$2,919.55

ITEMIZED EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

Postage stamps .....	\$ 66.04
Printing .....	97.00
Freight .....	3.88
Type wheel .....	1.50

\$ 168.42

A study of the detailed receipts reveals the following facts: Seven churches gave considerably over one-third of the total. Twenty-two churches gave considerably over half. Twenty churches, each having a membership of 100 or more with an active pastor, and two of these twenty, Greenville First and Columbia First, among the largest in the Synod, gave nothing. Had these twenty given in the same proportion as the twenty-two which gave much more than half, and these twenty are just as financially able as those which did give, more than \$5,000 would have been given for the Presbyterian College at Clinton.

There were 8,030 resident members who had no opportunity to give at all. There are 26,312 resident members. Eighteen thousand, two hundred and eighty-two of these gave through this committee and direct to the work \$3,500. Had all given in this way \$4,900 would have been received.

*Solution of Problem.*—All pastors enlisted in presenting cause to people.

H. W. PRATT, *Treasurer.*

### VIII. REPORT ON PUBLICATION AND SABBATH SCHOOL WORK

In the business department of this work there has been a slight increase in volume of sales over last year, the increase at the Texarkana house being greater in proportion. However, the increased prices of paper and other items of expense reduced the net profits to the smallest amount for several years. To offset this decreasing margin prices were advanced some the first of July. When we bear in mind that the profits of our committee at Richmond enable them to supplement the gifts of the Church to this cause about \$4,000.00 every year we realize the necessity of it being conducted safely and wisely. The total sales for the year were \$251,000.00, \$58,000.00 being the sales of the Texarkana branch. The total gifts of the Church were \$40,000.00, a little over that of the year before.

In regard to the periodicals of the Church, there was a healthy increase in the circulation. The following points of interest may be mentioned here: There was an increase in donations of Bibles and literature to weak Sunday Schools, 327 Sunday Schools being so helped having over 16,000 thousand scholars in attendance. There was also a large increase in Bible and Testaments given for the recitation of the catechisms. A series of departmental grade lessons has gotten out, so that all our churches, whether they use the Uniform Lesson Helps or these Graded Lesson Helps, can now secure their supplies from our committee. This we hope will lead fewer of our schools to go to outside concerns for their literature. On account of the increasing cost of materials the committee has not seen its way clear to issue new hymn books, as authorized by the 1916 Assembly, but instead they have simply issued a reprint edition of 25,000 Assembly Songs. We would also note here the fact that a new Teacher Training Course has been issued.

In addition to these general matters of interest, your committee would call attention to two matters of special interest that should be emphasized as perhaps the greatest outstanding features of the year:

1. The value of Sunday School Mission work by the individual churches in connection with the growth of new Sunday Schools organized. This work is not only valuable as a very fine opportunity for evangelism and extension of the borders of our Church, but it gives an excellent opportunity to train and develop workers in the churches conducting this kind of work. It not only accomplishes the work immediately in hand of conducting Sunday Schools, but it furnishes a constantly increasing supply of money and workers for such effort.

2. The great opportunities of enlargement through the Sunday School Missionary. Perhaps the most encouraging feature of the work of our Richmond committee is the increasing number of missionaries they are putting into the field, not only on their own initiation but

at the solicitation of the Presbyteries. There were on April 1st, last, 32 such missionaries in the field, as compared to 21 the year before, an increase of 50 per cent. Quite a number of Presbyteries are now on a waiting list to secure help to get such Sunday School workers. We have one at work in this Synod—Mr. E. C. Clyde—while another Presbytery is trying to get such assistance.

In conclusion, your committee feels that it can not stress too strongly the urgent need of larger gifts for this branch of our Church's work. It is, perhaps, the work that gives the largest return for the least outlay of funds, as there is so little outlay for property and other heavy expenses called for by some other branches of our work. We should remember also that the Sunday School gets only two collections a year—the rally day collection in the Sunday Schools and the Church collection in March. Forty-eight thousand dollars is asked for the cause this year.

H. C. HAMMOND, *Chairman*.

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#### IX. REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE

The American Bible Society is just now completing the first year in the second century of its wonderful service for the Kingdom of Christ upon earth. During the years of the first century now gone, it would be impossible to undertake to summarize all that has been achieved by this society in the distribution of the Sacred Scriptures in this and other lands. There are some beneficent results brought about by agencies which God has placed in the world that can only be revealed in the light of eternity. Certainly the work of the American Bible Society and the consecrated lives that have toiled in its activities for the past one hundred years is one of these results. One hundred years ago this society began with the doors of this now Christian world closed against God's Word. We have today but to scan the records to see how thousands and millions of copies of the Bible have been circulated in heathen lands, or lands that were so one hundred years ago. Few events in the history of the work of the Church were observed with so much interest and enthusiasm as the recent centennial of the American Bible Society, not only in our own land, but almost throughout the whole world. Statistics show that 2,100,000 copies of the Scriptures were printed or supplied by the American Bible Society in the United States during the year 1916. The war conditions have been such that it has been next to impossible to get complete returns for the circulation abroad, but the records show that the distribution in China shows an increase of some 30,000 copies as compared with the year 1915.

The world-wide war has, of course, had its effect on the work of the society. It has afforded reasons for both encouragement and discouragement. The thousands of soldiers now stationed in the war



camps of the nation have received the special attention of the Bible Societies and churches, as well as of a large number of interested individuals. About 100,000 copies of the Bible were, through different organized agencies, sent to soldiers mobilized, and those sent to the Mexican border. The American Bible Society, at great labor and cost, has prepared special Army and Navy editions of the Scriptures for churches, parents and friends to give to their own young men. These have been provided at less than cost. Many have realized the great privilege of placing these in the hands of the soldiers, knowing full well that soon they will be beyond our reach and too many forever beyond our help. Since the 1st of May, 1916, as many as 700,000 copies have been sent out of these special editions.

President Wilson has well said: "These young men will need the support of the only Book from which they can get help."

Sunday, December 9th, 1917, is the special day on which the American Bible Society asks all the churches to make an extra offering for the work. The large majority of the churches of the Synod have contributed greater or less amounts for the Bible Cause, though some have reported no contributions. There is no very encouraging increase in the Synodical report for 1916 as compared with that of the previous year, that of the former being \$997, and that of the latter being \$1,121, thus showing an increase of only \$124.

The tremendous and incalculable expenses of this, the world's greatest war, along with the serious interruption of business in the countries engaged, must of necessity cut down very greatly the financial resources of the Bible Societies located in other Christian lands; hence, the urgent need for unusual diligence to sustain the cause in our own land. In view of the urgent needs of the present situation, and the increased opportunities for strengthening the Kingdom and of saving souls through this very important agency of the Church, we recommend:

1. That the Synod especially urge all of its churches to observe Sunday, December 9th, 1917, as a day for a special contribution for the Bible cause, and in those churches where this particular date is not convenient, then to select another, and not to neglect doing so.

2. That the Synod will urge its pastors and sessions to bring the claims of the society to the attention of our people and to make full provision for the same in all of their benevolent plans.

3. That in view of the special opportunities now presented for work among our soldiers, the Synod will emphasize that our people of all the churches make special contribution to the emergency fund of \$400,000, which is now badly needed by the society to carry forward its plans.

Respectfully submitted by the committee,

J. P. ANDERSON, *Chairman*.

# **X. REPORT ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE**

Your Permanent Committee on Systematic Beneficence would respectfully submit the following report:

Some small progress has been made during the past year in the benevolent gifts of our Synod, as the following table will show:

	1915-16.	1916-17.
Foreign Missions .....	\$ 53,857	\$ 47,034
Assembly's Home Missions .....	12,961	15,035
Synod's Home Missions .....	5,149	4,027
Presbytery's Home Missions .....	8,427	9,546
Congregational Home Missions .....	4,431	4,714
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief .....	9,525	13,510
Sunday School Extension and Publication .....	3,375	3,536
Schools and Colleges .....	12,923	24,253
Bible Cause .....	997	1,121
Orphans' Homes .....	11,626	12,489
Miscellaneous Benevolences .....	8,050	8,413
Total benevolences .....	\$131,331	\$143,678

The above comparative table shows a gain for the year of \$12,347—a gain not much larger than that achieved by the one cause of Schools and Colleges. While we should be thankful for any progress, surely this is most unsatisfactory progress.

There never was more money in the South than there is today. Never before has the South contributed more money than she is doing now in the shape of taxes and gifts to the Red Cross and to the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. and in subscriptions to the Liberty Loans. All this is well. But the Church of the Living God is not getting her share of our people's money, and we should be more jealous for the rights of Christ and His Church.

In this connection we would call very earnest attention to that stimulating series of advertisements which Mr. J. B. Spillman, of Columbia, has been running in our Church papers of late, and we would heartily recommend that our Synod endorse enthusiastically this movement to raise three million dollars in our Church during the year 1917-1918 and assume in faith its full quota of \$225,000. Furthermore, in order to carry out this plan, we recommend that our Synod appoint a committee consisting of Mr. J. B. Spillman, Columbia; the Chairman of Synod's Permanent Systematic Beneficence Committee, and Jno. A. Law, Spartanburg; T. H. Dick, Columbia; S. M. Jones, Cherokee; W. J. Roddey, Rock Hill; C. E. Graham, Greenville; E. W. Dabbs, Mayesville; E. McIver Williamson, Mont Clare; W. P. Anderson, Greenville; Charles Rowland, Sumter; J. S. Wannamaker, St. Matthews; Bissell Jenkins, Charleston, and give this committee

full power to put on a campaign to raise our Synod's quota. Third, we recommend that the above-mentioned committee be authorized to appoint in each Presbytery five consecrated business men, who, together with the Chairman of the Presbyterian Systematic Beneference Committee, shall constitute a committee to put on the Presbyterian campaign and shall receive from the Synod's committee the Presbytery's just quota of the amount assumed by our Synod and shall, in its turn, send down to each church its fair share of the Presbytery's quota.

The success of the campaigns for the Red Cross and the Liberty Bonds can be largely accounted for, as far as methods are concerned, by the business-like plan followed by those in charge of trying to secure a subscription from as many persons as possible. This is the very gist of our Every-Member-Canvass Plan. As a matter of fact, last year the Every-Member-Canvass churches maintained an average of \$1.71 in their per capita gifts over the churches using other methods, and this in spite of the facts that some of our most influential churches are not using this plan and that in many churches in which this plan is being used it is being worked most inefficiently. It seems clear, therefore, that the two greatest needs before us are: First, to push the adoption of the plan in all of our non-enlisted churches; and, secondly, to perfect the plan in the churches now committed but using it in an imperfect way.

In view of these and other facts, we recommend:

1. That our ministers, Elders and Deacons be urged to study the reports of the Assembly's Permanent and Standing Committees on Systematic Beneference and also the report of the Assembly's Campaign Committee on Stewardship. (See Minutes of the General Assembly of 1917, pages 133 and 62 and 154), and in so far as possible to put into operation at once the spirit of the recommendations contained therein.

2. That each of our Presbyteries be urged to hold a conference for its Elders and Deacons jointly, or for its Deacons separately, between now and March, with a view to enlisting all our non-enlisted churches and perfecting the plan in our enlisted churches.

3. That all benevolent gifts for Church causes, whether made through the Treasurer or directly by the membership of the Church, be included in the sessional report.

4. That every church in our Synod, through the printed minutes of the Presbyteries or otherwise, be acquainted in plain figures with the amounts expected from it for all the benevolent causes of the Assembly and Synod and Presbytery.

5. That should this goal be exceeded or not reached, every cause should share proportionately in the gain or loss; the provision of this section applying only to undesignated gifts.

6. That these itemized apportionments be the minimum goal for the benevolent gifts of the local church.

7. That pastors, Elders and Deacons be urged to employ throughout the year all proper means of educating their people in the principles of Christian Stewardship and in the securing of these specified amounts as the minimum for benevolence.

8. That in view of the incessant demands made on the liberality of our people for all kinds of social, humanitarian, philanthropic and independent enterprises, to the great detriment of the fundamentally important regular causes of benevolence, our Synod hereby expresses its judgment that the objects approved by our Church courts are of prime importance and that the paramount and present obligation of the members of the Church is to support these objects to the extent of their fullest needs.

9. That every legitimate means be used to teach the principles and practice of Christian Stewardship in our Sunday Schools and Young People's Societies, that the Church of the future may surpass the Church of today in these matters.

We recommend to every household and member under our jurisdiction the tithe of the net income as the minimum standard for Christian giving.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. P. GILMOUR, *Chairman.*

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## XI. REPORT ON WOMEN'S WORK

God has richly blessed the work of the faithful women of our Church during the past year. There are now 2,603 women's societies with a total membership of 68,259, and their work has largely been educational, inspirational, financial and spiritual. Their offerings amounted to \$500,200.00 for all causes, being an increase of \$60,227.00 over last year. Of this amount \$122,470.00 was contributed to Foreign Missions, \$25,810.00 to Assembly Home Missions, \$10,963.00 to Synod's Home Missions, \$22,667.00 to Presbytery's Home Missions, \$25,179.00 to Congregational Home Missions, \$22,018.00 to Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, \$4,439.00 to Sunday School Extension and Publication, \$15,262.00 to Schools and Colleges, \$872.00 to Bible cause, \$25,401.00 to Orphans' Homes, \$37,772.00 to miscellaneous benevolences, \$121,626.00 to causes not benevolent, and \$57,786.00 to current expenses and Presbyterial tax. There was a marked increase in their gifts to all the benevolent causes of the General Assembly. The increase in the number of Mission Study Classes, the erection of a building at Montreal as headquarters for the women's work, the attainment of the goal of a half million dollars, the holding of a conference for negro women at Tuscaloosa, Ala., and the loyalty of the Presbyterial and



Synodical Auxiliaries to the Courts of our Church are facts that will encourage the perfecting of the organization of our women's work, the enrollment of societies, not affiliated with the Presbyterials and Synodicals and the accomplishment of the purposes for which the women have organized for Christian work.

It was our privilege to attend the meeting of the South Carolina Synodical Auxiliary at Abbeville on October 16, 1917, by their kind invitation, and it was a peculiar pleasure to note the unanimity, enthusiasm and progress of their work. The South Carolina Synodical is one of the four in our Assembly that attained the standard of excellence, 20 per cent. gain in gifts and 10 per cent. gain in membership during the past year. The Synodical Auxiliaries of Texas, Alabama and Arkansas being the other three on the roll of honor. South Carolina Presbyterial Auxiliary is the only one in the State on the honor roll of Presbyterials.

The South Carolina Synodical Secretary makes the following report to your committee, to wit: Number of churches, 287; members, 29,677; societies, 158; members, 3,824; increase of membership over last year, 166; number of societies not belonging to the Synodical, 21; number of societies organized during the year, 7; number of members in new societies, 201; number of Young People's Societies, 78, with a total of 1,571; number of copies of the Missionary Survey taken, 1,796; of Prayer Calendar, 401, and Mission Study Classes, 86; being 42 Foreign and 44 Home Mission Classes. The following contributions were made to the following objects, to wit: Foreign Missions, \$9,306; Assembly Home Missions, \$2,493; Synodical, \$391; Presbyterial, \$554, and Congregational, \$844; Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, \$2,060; Sunday School Extension and Publication, \$324; Schools and Colleges, \$648; Bible cause, \$81; Orphans' Homes, \$1,503; miscellaneous benevolences, \$2,567; contributions not benevolent, \$6,896, and contingent fund, \$508, being a total of \$28,148; amount per capita of \$7.36. The total of last year was \$15,336. Of the \$28,148; 20 societies in Bethel Presbytery gave \$4,245; 15 in Charleston, \$3,500; 9 in Congaree, \$1,640; 29 in Enoree, \$5,729; 20 in Harmony, \$2,176; 22 in Pee Dee, \$2,200; 17 in Piedmont, \$3,953; and 26 in South Carolina, \$4,705. The South Carolina Synodical Auxiliary has a Secretary for each of the great benevolent causes of the Assembly, and, at its last meeting, carefully studied the subject of "Christian Stewardship." Miss Mabel Hall, a missionary from Kentucky, made a good talk. It is well organized and has a Vice-President in each of the Presbyterials of the Synod. The next meeting of the Auxiliary will be held in October, 1918, at Estill, within the bounds of the Charleston Presbyterial. The following ladies are the officers for the coming year, to wit: Mrs. A. Bramlett, President, Clemson College, S. C.; Miss Bettie Aycock, Secretary, Wedgefield, and Mrs. A. B. Morse, Treasurer, Abbeville.



The Secretaries of the Executive Committees of the General Assembly greatly appreciate the aid given them in their work by the Women's Auxiliary. Dr. S. L. Morris, Secretary of Home Missions, says: "No constituent part of our Church is more loyal, more active and more liberal in the support of our benevolent operations than the noble band of devoted women represented in the Woman's Auxiliary, and led by Mrs. W. C. Winsborough, their efficient Superintendent. The Executive Committee places on record its sense of obligation to these earnest advocates and faithful supporters of the cause of missions in all its phases."

Dr. E. W. Smith, Secretary of Foreign Missions, says: "We most warmly appreciate the invaluable aid of the Woman's Auxiliary. We offer our sincere and admiring congratulations upon the remarkable record of the past year, and upon the Auxiliary's steadily increasing efficiency, fruitfulness and completeness of organization."

Dr. H. H. Sweets, Secretary of the Executive Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, writes to Mrs. Winsborough as follows: "We desire to express, through you, to the Synodical, Presbyterial and Local Auxiliaries, and to all of the societies and the women of our Church, the earnest thanks of our Executive Committee for their deep interest and helpful co-operation in the work of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief. Their interest, prayers and liberal assistance in this fundamental work cannot be computed."

Mr. R. E. Magill, Secretary of the Sunday School Extension and Publication Committee, says: "We are pleased to report that a larger total for our benevolent work was received from the women's societies than ever before, which indicates that the women are beginning to give us a place in their thought and in their benevolent schedule."

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. That the Synod of South Carolina commend the loyalty, liberality and zeal for the Master's cause of the devoted women of our Presbyterials and Synodical Auxiliary and the particular interest they have manifested in Christian Stewardship, Home Missions and a school for colored girls, as well as all the benevolent schemes of the Assembly.

2. That the Synod express its approval of the following action of the last Assembly, to wit: "The Assembly recommends to the women's societies the organization of the Women's Auxiliary, and urges that they affiliate with their respective Presbyterials; and further, that, as far as possible through this channel, they dedicate to our Lord and Master their time and energy, which will be an acceptable service."

3. That this Synod notes with pleasure the increase, for the last year, in the gifts of the women's societies of our whole Church to Foreign Missions, \$14,522.00; Assembly Home Missions, \$3,464.15; Christian Education of Ministerial Relief, \$11,002.06, and Publication and Sunday School Extension, \$549.28. It also expresses its gratification

that the South Carolina Synodical Auxiliary was one of the four Synodicals in our Assembly that reached the standard of excellence, to wit: An increase of 20 per cent. in gifts and 10 per cent. in membership. The South Carolina Presbyterial was the only one in this State that reached that standard.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD PAYSON DAVIS, *Chairman.*

## **XII. REPORT OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

*To the Controlling Synods of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Florida:*

The Board of Directors of the Columbia Theological Seminary are pleased that they can send up to you this year a most gratifying report from your Seminary.

There are visible evidences that it has increased in favor with God and in the heart of the Church.

Under the administration and instruction of your President and Faculty, this Institution has completed one of the most prosperous years in all its splendid history.

There have been 60 students in attendance, an increase of 9 over the previous session; 15 in the Junior Class; 19 in the Middle Class; 13 in the Senior Class; 4 special students; 4 graduate students, and 5 in the correspondence class, and the promise of the coming session is for still larger attendance.

Eight young men received the degree of B. D. The degree of B. D. has been conferred upon the following: John William Currie, Finley McCurry Grissett, William Samuel Hutchinson, John Samuel Land, Neil McInnis, Rufus Martin Phillips, Wm. Thurmond Reviere, Edwin Malcom Shepard.

A certificate for completion of work in certain courses has been given to Alton Riley Cates.

The Smythe Lectures for 1916-1917 were delivered by Dr. W. S. Plumer Bryan, of Chicago, on the Grace of God. This general subject was presented as follows:

- (1) The Religious Situation.
- (2) Grace—Its Meaning.
- (3) The Divine Attribute of Grace.
- (4) The Purpose of Grace.
- (5) The Need of Grace.
- (6) The Work of Grace for Us.
- (7) The Work of Grace Within Us.
- (8) The Work of Grace Through Us.
- (9) The Means of Grace.
- (10) The Kingdom of Grace.
- (11) The Reward of Grace.

Special addresses were delivered to the students of the Seminary by:

Rev. R. A. Elwood, D. D., Atlantic City, N. J., subject: Essentials of a Preacher of the Gospel.

Rev. John Seegers, D. D., Professor in the Lutheran Seminary, Columbia, S. C., subject: The Future of the Missionary Movement.

Rev. S. P. Fulton, D. D., Kobe, Japan, subject: The Present Situation in Japan.

Rev. James I. Vance, D. D., Nashville, Tenn., subject: The Man Behind the Message.

Rev. Henry L. Reaves, A. B., B. D., graduate of Columbia Seminary, class of 1916: My Reasons for Becoming a Missionary.

William S. Currell, LL. D., President of the University of South Carolina, subject: Paul, the Model Missionary.

Rev. James I. Good, D. D., Professor in German Reformed Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, subject: Early Protestant Liturgies.

Mr. Paul Micou, representative of Young Men's Christian Association, subject: The Present Religious Situation.

The finances of the Seminary are well cared for, and the income shows an increase of the past year. Much of this is due to the work done by the Field Secretary, under the direction of the President, as authorized by the Board in 1916.

Gratifying as has been the income, in its finances there is still need of larger funds to meet the demands of a growing institution, with its increased demand upon its facilities and equipment for doing the work of the Church.

We ask you to adopt the Revised Plan of Government as amended in the report of the Special Committee, adopted at this session of the the Board (recorded on pages 243 to 247 of the Minutes) and submitted herewith for your approval.

W. J. McKAY, *President.*

### XIII. REPORT OF THORNWELL ORPHANAGE

It has been forty-two years since the opening of the Thornwell Orphanage for the care of orphans. Forty-five years since the organization of the Board of Trustees. Our institution is growing old. We hope we can also add it is growing better. For four months of this past year the President was detained in Atlanta at the Grady Hospital and under the care of relatives. During his absence the entire burden of responsibility and management fell upon Rev. J. B. Branch. He cared for the work energetically, vigorously and successfully. The record of the twelve months is as follows:

#### I. OUR CHARGE.

This is the care of the children. During the past year there have been enrolled, in all, 320 children. At this commencement occasion, four,

namely: Misses Alma Collins, of Darlington; Annie Newton, of Pickens; Eugenia Nichols, of Laurens, and Bessie Stanford, of Charlotte, graduate. All expect to undertake the work of teaching and have already stood their State examination. One other Miss Katie Bishop, a bright and lovely young woman who was sick at the last meeting of this Board, after nine months patient waiting, entered into her rest. She met with unbounded kindness, all through her illness. Her death was from tuberculosis. From our High School department two lads joined the army, five the navy and three others entered into private life. Seven or eight children were returned to relatives, at request of themselves or relatives. None were expelled and none ran away. The few vacancies occurring have been immediately filled. The whole course of study has been effectively worked through the year. The technical training has proceeded steadily with the exception of an epidemic of measles. We have had but little serious trouble.

## II. SOME CHANGES.

The body of matrons and teachers have also been unusually steadfast. We close the year with almost the same workers with which we began it. One very faithful worker, Mrs. Fannie Winn, has left us on account of her health after twelve years of faithful service. Another, Mrs. King, is given a year's leave of absence for recuperation of health after a long period of labor. One of the principal changes of management has been the arrangement for having the meals cooked at the individual cottages. This plan is still under trial. The central kitchen is being used as a bakery, a cannery, a store-room, a distribution center and a dairy.

## III. OUR IMPROVEMENTS.

During the past twelve months, under the direction of the President, the following improvements have been carried out:

1. At Riverside the tenant house has been almost rebuilt. Two stables have been erected. One of the cottages on Riverside Farm has been repaired and recovered and other improvements are in progress.
2. The Assembly Hall, in which is the gathering place for prayer, and the sewing rooms and cloth store-room, has had an entirely new roof put on of asbestos shingles. This improvement was expensive but necessary.
3. The Virginia Home has been covered with tin throughout. The roof of this building has been giving trouble for a long time.
4. The dwelling at Rock Hill, owned by the Endowment Fund, has been provided with plumbing, electric lights, repainted throughout and other improvements carried on.
5. A house at Greenwood similarly owned has been improved in the same way.

6. A silo is now being built and preparations are being made to put an asbestos roof on the Mary Jacobs High School.

7. Some extensive improvements and repairs have been made at the Lesh Infirmary. Among other things a dental room has been put in with all necessary apparatus. We hope that Presbyterian dentists within accessible distance may be induced to offer their gratuitous services so as to bring this room into practical use.

The cost of all of these improvements was paid for by the interest of our Endowment Fund, an account of which is given later on. A number of improvements are arranged for next season. These are principally the enlargement and roofing of the Children's Gift Academy, the completion of the silo, the provision of a laboratory for the Tornwell College and the repainting of four or five of the buildings.

#### IV. EVENTS.

The year has been a varied one in the experience of the children. For two months last summer both cottages at Riverside were open, as they will be again this summer. Over a hundred children were given vacation trips to that point. There have been seven class picnics to the same place. Eleven or more lectures, recitals and exhibitions have been given in the Carolina Memorial Hall. Patriotism also has had its share. The Thornwell Memorial Church has been open twice every Sabbath day and once during the week for preaching services. There were fifty-five additions to the Church during the year and almost as many dismissals. Very naturally our number of dismissals must be large, as pupils are constantly leaving us. A very considerable number of applications are registered in the President's office. There were on May 10th, 19 whole orphans and 161 half orphans asking admission. Many of these, owing to the fact that our dormitories are now full, can never be received. We are sorry for them and wish much that it was otherwise. Our pupils assemble every morning for worship in our Assembly Hall. Most of the cottages also conduct family worship. Both boys and girls have active societies of Y. P. S. C. E. The matrons also have a Ladies' Aid Society.

#### V. THE FARM

Owing to the tremendous prices at which all provisions are now sold, preparations are being made for canning a large amount of garden products. The Farmer will undertake to fill two silos with cow feed. A corn supply for our stock will also be carefully worked up. We want a model farm and hope to have it.

#### VI. A NEW COTTAGE.

It came to the attention of the Board at its last meeting that a legacy of \$10,000 had been left to the Synod of Georgia on condition that the Synod raise an even sum for the construction of a building for orphans' care in or near Athens, and in case the Synod failed to do



so the money was to pass to the Thornwell Orphanage. After the last meeting of the Synod of Georgia in Dalton the Stated Clerk notified the administrator to pay over the money according to the will and under its conditions to the Board of Trustees. According to the Administrator's understanding, this money was to be used for a children's cottage, and for that only, to be erected in memory of Miss Sarah Turner, daughter of the deceased. The money has been deposited to the credit of the Board of Trustees of Thornwell Orphanage, except \$500, the inheritance tax, which has been paid to the State of Georgia. Our Local Board has instructed its Building Committee to locate and construct this cottage according to the will of the donor. Messrs. Wilson and Sompayrac, of Columbia, have kindly promised to prepare plans for the building without charge. We hope to have the home ready this fall.

#### VII. INDUSTRIAL WORK.

All the departments have been improved during the year. The idea has been to increase efficiency. A great deal of our effort, if not all, has been expended on necessary work within the Orphanage campus and our plans are too keep moving in the same direction. A new department has been opened. The business of the squad of which Mr. A. M. Copeland is foreman is to keep the yard and grounds in order and to have charge of the poultry, the orchards and part of the gardening work. We are planning before the next meeting of the Board to give an exhibition of our industrial and educational departments.

#### VIII. ENDOWING THE HOME.

An eminent university President claims that every university should have \$4,000 of endowment for each student on the roll and that a college ought to have half as much as that. We estimate that our institution, which is part school and part college, should have an endowment of at least \$1,000 for each pupil enrolled. As we have three hundred pupils we should aim for an endowment of \$300,000. We have now reached \$191,000. We have therefore over \$100,000 under the amount we really need. This endowment is not to be used for support, as we think the churches will always support the children, but is used as a scholarship fund to pay all salaries, and all insurance bills, also repair bills and for betterment of property. The interest on our present endowment reaches \$11,000 and is giving material benefit in the work of the Home. Were it not for this fund, our churches would have to supply this amount or else the Home would suffer greatly by failure to meet these very important items. As all our efforts before the Church are bestowed upon the raising of the regular support of the children, we are making no effort to increase the endowment. Our charter prescribes that all legacies, not otherwise specified, shall go to the endowment. We are using that as the one means of building up that important object. We commend it to the notice of all Presbyter-

rians, reminding them that in Georgia at least a heavy inheritance tax diminishes all legacies paid us.

Much of the Endowment Fund is specified for objects either required by the donor's request or by the order of this body. Among the latter is the plan of the Board of Trustees to provide a Fire Fund which may be used both as principal and interest if it all be required for the repair or rebuilding of any structures destroyed by fire. This fund has been increased during the past year only by the interest on the amount already to its credit and by payments to the Building and Loan Association. We will continue to keep shares in the local Building and Loan Association, so that in case of fire money may be borrowed for repair purposes, if found necessary. We now have thirty-three shares in two associations. This series will be paid off within the next year. The various objects to which our Endowment Fund may be applied are as follows:

President's Pension and Salary Fund .....	\$ 25,000
Vice-President's Fund .....	15,000
Fire Fund .....	7,200
Repair Funds (McCormick) .....	6,500
Repair Funds (Lesh) .....	3,800
Repair Funds (Hollingsworth) .....	1,000
Foreman's Salary Fund .....	10,000
Library Fund .....	2,500
Infirmity Fund .....	1,500
Scholarship Fund .....	33,300
General Fund .....	85,700

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Total .....\$191,500

The Kennedy Home, in Atlanta, Ga., was sold for \$5,000, getting us, after paying inheritance tax overdue county, and city taxes and real estate agent's commission, \$4,500, which has been invested in notes and mortgages at 6 per cent. We thought it best to sell owing to the need of large repairs on the building and difficulty of securing desirable tenants.

#### IX. THE SUPPORT OF THE HOME.

In last year's report it was stated that we would need 10 per cent. increase in the amount necessary to make provision for the children. We regret to say that we will have to make the same announcement for the current year. War prices are on us. All provisions are to be had only at great cost compared with former years. We ought to have this next year about \$42,000 to put the institution in good shape and to weather the storm of war. About \$10,000 of this sum represents increase over 1914 prices. During the past year our kind friends of the Church in the three Synods have dealt with wonderful kindness to

our little people. They have sent quite liberally, not only of money, but of provisions to meet our needs. We have received the following amount: \$39,533.96.

About Christmas times there was a large inpour, not only of money, as our acknowledgements here will show, but of Christmas good things of many sorts, making the hearts of the children exceedingly glad, thus showing the tenderest interest in them. In the matter of provision for the future we hope that this Christmas giving will continue. We also call attention to the fact that this year the Synod of South Carolina will meet on Thanksgiving day and the result will be that the home churches will neglect the occasion and our Orphanage will suffer materially, unless pastors and sessions arrange for the Thanksgiving collection on the Sabbath preceding or following.

Orphan Work Day this year will fall on Saturday before the second Sabbath in October. We hope that all our Sabbath Schools will observe it. Some denominational institutions have found it to be of immense advantage from a money standpoint, and also in interesting the rising generation in their duty to the orphans. One valuable way for increasing interest in the churches and Sunday Schools is to have them pledge the support of an individual child. We fix the amount necessary at \$100.00 a year. This is about twenty dollars less than the actual cost, but it is an easy figure to remember. We have on our list 30 or 40 names with this pledge after them and about 200 that pledge \$60.00 per year, for the table board only. We hope that by degrees these 200 donors may be able to increase the amount given to full \$100.00. Most of this class are churches and Sunday Schools. We owe many thanks to the railroad companies and the express companies for large gifts in transportation and passenger rates for our children on their vacation trips. The cotton mills are particularly kind in their donations of cloth. The Board at its last meeting ordered that vacancies be given the whole orphan children in preference to all others. We have followed this rule, but still have a number of whole orphans applying for aid. We hope that it will not be necessary to reduce our numbers, but that the full number of 300 may be kept on our rolls.

At the last meeting of the Board efforts were made to secure the enrollment of the Thornwell College for Orphans among the list of schools privileged to confer the degree Licentiate of Instruction, which would relieve our graduates of State examinations in South Carolina. We hope the Board will pursue this matter until it is completed, as we are undoubtedly entitled to it. We should also be listed by our Executive Committee of Christian Education as a Junior College, as our school does much more than fulfil the regulations for a Junior College under the rules adopted by the General Assembly. It is this peculiarity in our institution that it is a College for Orphans and the only one in

the Presbyterian Church in the United States, with the exception of the Girard College for Orphans in Philadelphia, and this entitles us to the sympathy and aid of the entire Church and gives us a unique claim on public sentiment.

#### X. OUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

Some of these have already been mentioned, namely, the erection of the Sarah A. Turner Cottage, the continued work upon our Endowment Fund and the repair of several buildings. The Thornwell Orphanage is growing. It is assuming more and more the character for which we have been planning for many years. It is very evident that its future will depend upon the men who have it in hand. The continued improvement of all the departments of education, both literary and technical, should be kept continually in view. The scope of the school is equal to the ability of its pupils. Better equipments for teaching, such as laboratories, both chemical and physical, maps, globes and charts, and abundance of black-board surface, and enlargement of the Primary School building, better heating service for the High School building, are among the special needs of this work. These will be carried out as far as possible during the coming season. The funds will be forthcoming.

Our special energies will be devoted to the raising of \$40,000 for the support of the family, which will be enlarged as soon as the Sarah A. Turner Cottage is completed. For the raising of this large sum, our dependence will be upon our Almighty Father and upon His stewards. We have but little doubt that it will be raised. The progress of our denomination has been something wonderful and we believe that this enlargement has been largely caused by the enthusiasm throughout the whole Church in the cause of God's special wards, His fatherless children.

*(Prepared by the President, W. P. Jacobs, D. D., before his decease, September 10.)*

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#### XIV. REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE WILLIAM BREARLEY HOME

The Trustees of the William Brearley Home, Montreat, N. C., take pleasure in reporting to the Synod, that the Home was opened and occupied last season, as never before. It was, for some time, especially during the month of August, filled to its capacity. There were others there besides the ministers of the Synod, because there was nowhere else for them to get accommodations, and as we had the room, it was a benefit to us and a comfort to them to occupy our rooms.

The Home has absolutely no income, and cannot be opened without expense, or conducted without money. It is a question with us how shall this money be secured? Last season charges were made for



rooms occupied by others than ministers of the Synod, and the income from this source enabled us to pay the running expenses for the season, and the bills to the Association for lights and water, and some repairs, and a small amount on the debt of the Home to the Association for past charges.

It was found that the preservation of the Home absolutely demanded the erection of a roof over the upper porch, which hitherto had been roofless. A special appeal was made to the South Carolinians then at Montreat for the necessary funds for this addition to the building, which was estimated to be \$100. A ready response was made to this call, to the amount of \$110.05, and the roof was built, and is a decided benefit to the building. The bill for it was \$95.00.

## FINANCIAL.

Cash on hand from last year (a furnishing fund) . . . . .	\$ 33.29
Received on special subscription for porch . . . . .	110.05
Received from guests for rooms . . . . .	128.50
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Total . . . . .	\$271.84
Cash received . . . . .	\$271.84

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid for erection of porch . . . . .	\$ 95.00
Paid for repairs, plumbing, etc. . . . .	18.70
Paid for running expenses, laundry, board for care-taker for one month, maids' services, soap, postage, etc. . . . .	82.00
Paid for Association for lights, water, etc., for 1917 and on old bill . . . . .	40.45
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Total . . . . .	236.15
Balance in bank, Black Mountain, N. C. . . . .	\$ 35.69

Respectfully submitted,

ALEXANDER SPRUNT, *Chairman.*

## XV. MEMORIALS

## REV. THOMAS BROOKS CRAIG

On the afternoon of September 3rd, 1917, the soul of Rev. Thomas Brooks Craig went home to God. For several months he had been a patient sufferer, waiting in confidence for the end to come. Everything that loving hearts and efficient, tender nursing could do for him was done, to make his last days on earth comfortable and bright. In the end God was graciously kind to him. Surrounded by loved ones, in the midst of a community of solicitous and appreciative friends, in



the quiet of his own comfortable home, his spirit passed into "the presence," and his end was peace.

Thomas Brooks Craig was the second child of Samuel and Sarah Saxon Craig, of Tylersville, Laurens County, S. C. Born June 26, 1856, of Christian parents, he was reared in the faith and very carefully educated. He was prepared for college at the Reidville High School. From thence he went to Davidson College, where he graduated in the class of 1876. He studied two years at Columbia Theological Seminary, and then went to Union Theological Seminary, New York, and was graduated from that institution in 1881. He was licensed to preach by Enoree Presbytery in 1879, and ordained by Charleston Presbytery in 1881. He was thus thoroughly furnished, thoroughly trained, thoroughly tried, to preach the Gospel. The result was that he was no ordinary preacher. When a college student, he had the reputation of being the best speaker in the class. As he progressed in his preparation he paid less attention to the art of public speaking, and became rather a student and a thinker. Owing to this fact, Mr. Craig was never so much appreciated as when speaking to an educated and cultivated congregation. He was never so thoroughly at himself as when he had an audience who could measure the fullness of his knowledge and know the accuracy of his scholarship.

He held a number of successful pastorates. He served Port Royal, Liberty Springs, Ninety-Six, Hopewell in Florence County, Fountain Inn, New Harmony, and, last, a group of churches near Rock Hill, composed of the historic Fishing Creek Church and Oakland and Hopewell churches.

As a pastor, Mr. Craig was attentive, kind, gentle, and the soul of faithfulness. His ministrations were acceptable to all alike. He knew no rich and no poor, and like his Divine Master, "he went about doing good." Wherever he has been he has left the fragrant memory of a modest, quiet, refined, and scholarly gentleman, whose whole life was devoted to his people and his Lord.

As a presbyter he was faithful in the performance of any task committed to him; always clear in his statements, accurate and painstaking in his reports, and fully alive to the work of the court. But he was of a modest and retiring disposition. He never pushed himself, never took up the time of the court, and very rarely spoke unless called upon to do so.

As a citizen, as a husband, as a father, he was a model. He loved his country and was proud of his American citizenship, always careful to exercise his right and to perform the duties of a faithful and intelligent citizen. He loved his home and his family, and was never so well content as when he was at home with his loved ones about him.

Such was the brother whose memory this day we celebrate. He

has gone to meet the "Judge of all the earth," trusting not in the excellence of his own work and character, but with the faith of a little child, trusting in his Father's love, and the merit and righteousness of the Divine Son of God, whose he was and whom he served.

ALEXANDER MARTIN, *Chairman*.

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REV. MARK BROWN GRIER

Mark Brown Grier was born in Due West, S. C., January 3rd, 1867. He was the youngest son of the Rev. R. C. Grier, D. D., President of Erskine College, and Barbara Moffatt Grier. He had a godly heritage. His father, grandfather and great-grandfather were all ministers of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

He entered the Freshman class in Erskine College, graduating in 1885. He taught school for one year, following which he spent a year in Johns Hopkins University in post-graduate work. He completed his theological course in the Seminary at Due West, and then took two years in Princeton Seminary. Deciding to become a foreign missionary, he went to New York and spent a year in the study of medicine in order the better to equip himself for the work. On March 6th, 1892, he was married to Miss Nettie Donaldson, M. D. He united with the Southern Presbyterian Church about this time, and in September of the same year he sailed for China. Brother Grier went out to China, under instructions, to open work in a new field. Hsuchoufu was the field selected. It was a city peculiarly hostile to foreigners and to the Christian faith. He met with many trials and persecutions in attempting to introduce the Gospel into this city. It took him four long years to obtain a foothold. This was followed by years of opposition. During these first years he performed many duties in connection with the mission. Not only was he preacher and physician, but carpenter, brick-mason, laborer, and many other things as well. He put his hand to anything that would help to establish the mission in material things, in order that he might be able to win the hearts of the heathen to Jesus Christ. He was of a practical turn of mind, which was of great usefulness to him at the beginning of his work. He entered China at a time when the old, conservative habits of the people were unchanged. They were living in the back ages, in the awful darkness of ignorance and superstition, with scarcely a ray of light. He could only find one man who had any knowledge of the Bible and could read a little in the Gospels.

Brother Grier worked in years that were filled with thrilling events for the celestial empire. He saw the China-Japan war, which was the opening wedge for the spread of the newer civilization in that ultra-conservative, dark land. He passed through the awful Boxer rebellion, when he and his family were in the greatest danger from those blood-thirsty fanatics, who slaughtered so many of the devoted Christians

of China and put to death in such horrible ways the noble missionaries of the Cross. He endured the sufferings of many famines and was instrumental in bringing relief, in the way of food and clothing, to many of the natives, who would have perished but for his timely assistance. Doubtless these experiences had much to do with the undermining of his health. He was never very strong physically, and the hardships he endured, coupled with the extremes of a severe climate, told on him as the busy years went on. However, he had the satisfaction of seeing many wonderful changes for the better take place among the Chinese. The spirit of progress and toleration had gained a foothold, and the missionaries were welcomed in many places where formerly they were stoned. From being looked upon as "foreign devils," they were now received as benefactors and friends.

During the many years he labored for his Master, Brother Grier had the satisfaction of seeing the boys' school he had founded grow until the attendance was only limited by its capacity to care for the students. He saw the graduates of the school coming out of dense ignorance into the light and liberty of God. Many of them became preachers, physicians, teachers, others entering professions and holding positions of influence, and all making good in their chosen work. He saw a nice hospital completed in Hsuchoufu, in which his devoted and talented wife carried on her great work for the benefit of the sick and suffering of that city.

He went to that city and found it full of enemies who opposed him at every turn. After years of loyal work, he left it full of friends. When he went there, every door was closed against him. When he set his face towards the homeland, every home was open to him, and the people invited his presence as a loved guest. When he started on what proved to be his last journey, a great concourse of citizens followed him to the train weeping. It was a most touching farewell. "He saw of the travail of his soul, and was satisfied." It was the saddest and proudest moment of his life. No conqueror ever had a greater reward than this brave soldier of Jesus Christ.

Brother Grier suffered a partial paralytic stroke on Christmas Eve, 1915. Early in the spring of 1916 he returned to this country, accompanied by Mrs. Grier and his three daughters. He went to a sanatorium and seemed to improve rapidly under the treatment received there. He had high hopes of returning to his loved work in China. During this time he went around among the churches, giving addresses as his feeble strength would allow, trying to interest people in that land where he had worked and labored so long, and which he loved with all his heart. About six weeks before his death he declined rapidly and was never able to rally. He passed away amid the scenes of his boyhood days in the quaint little college town of Due West, on January 6th, 1917. There, with his loved ones around his bed, he

serenely and quietly rendered up his glorified soul into the hands of his Redeemer.

For twenty-two years Brother Grier was, by the grace of God and the help of Jesus Christ, a devoted missionary of the Presbyterian Church in far away China. All those who had the honor of his acquaintance and friendship speak of him as a man of the most lovable character. He was quiet and amiable in his disposition, of an attractive personality that drew people to him. He was a devoted and untiring worker, who left the impress of his sterling worth upon the lives of his students in Hsuchoufu. The boys of his school loved him, not only as a teacher but as a father who had been the means of leading them to Christ. The many touching letters he received in his last illness testify to the affection that existed between the missionary and his boys. Among his last requests was one that a message be sent to the boys telling them that he was praying for them. He also said: "I may not get back to China, but God will find work for me somewhere."

He rests from his labors on this earth, but the Father has given him work where labor is a joy without tears.

JAMES M. DALLAS.

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REV. WILLIAM PLUMER JACOBS, D. D., LL. D.

In the decease, on September 10th, 1917, of William Plumer Jacobs, the Synod of South Carolina has lost one of its most revered, beloved and useful ministers. A native of this State, educated chiefly in her schools, and spending his whole long, diligent and successful ministry at Clinton, he has filled a large place in our Church's history and performed a very important part in its work and progress.

Dr. Jacobs, the son of Rev. Ferdinand Jacobs, D. D., long a pastor and prominent educator in this Synod, was born at Yorkville, S. C., March 15th, 1842. He was thus brought up in a religious and literary atmosphere, and early consecrated his own life to Christ and the ministry of the Gospel. He was graduated at the Charleston College in 1861 and at Columbia Theological Seminary in 1864. Having been licensed by Charleston Presbytery a year before, he immediately entered upon his life-long ministerial work at Clinton, S. C., where he was ordained by South Carolina Presbytery and installed pastor of Clinton and Shady Grove Churches May 28th, 1864. Serving also for many years other feeble churches in that vicinity, his pastoral relation with the Clinton Church, faithfully, devotedly and efficiently fulfilled for over 47 years, was dissolved July 28th, 1911. This pastorate was notable not only for its unusual length, but more especially because of the unabated mutual devotion of pastor and people and its eminent success, the church having grown from a weak and struggling organization in 1864 to one of prominence and large influence in our Synod in 1911.



In 1872 Dr. Jacobs' heart, always tender and loving, especially with regard to children, was strongly moved toward the founding of an orphanage for the many fatherless little ones among us. His own mother, Mary Elizabeth Redbrook, as an orphan, had been adopted into the family of Dr. Wm. S. Plumer, whose honored name he bore, and when a child of three years he himself had been bereaved of his mother's love and care. And so, with a faith, a courage, and a purpose which balked at no difficulties or discouragements, he projected and undertook the establishment at Clinton of a home and school for the fatherless, which, in honor of his illustrious instructor in the Theological Seminary, himself left a fatherless and dependent child, was named "The Thornwell Orphanage." A Board of Visitors for the institution was organized in 1873; the first building was begun in 1874, and the first orphans were admitted October 1st, 1875. Starting thus with a very small beginning and no endowment but the faith and prayers and energies of its dauntless founder, the orphanage, under his loving care, self-sacrificing devotion and wise and efficient management, according to the principles and methods which he himself deemed the best, has grown from year to year, so that now, after 42 years, it has become the largest Presbyterian orphanage in the United States, enrolling the present year 320 needy children, and during these years thousands of boys and girls, trained under Dr. Jacobs' fatherly oversight, have gone forth to serve and benefit the Church and the world.

At the instance of Dr. Jacobs, on May 11th, 1909, a commission of Enoree Presbytery organized the Thornwell Memorial Church, composed of the inmates of the orphanage, who had become too numerous for convenient accommodation in the city church, and who seemed to require services more especially adapted to their case. Dr. Jacobs was regularly called to the pastorate of this new church, and was duly installed its pastor on the 26th of September that year. And he continued to serve both this and the First Church until the burden became too great and the city church procured another pastor. But the orphanage church, amid the many infirmities of old age and bodily ailments, he faithfully served to the last, filling its pulpit as usual at both the morning and afternoon services the day before his call, early the next morning, to the Heavenly Sanctuary.

Dr. Jacobs was also the real founder of our college at Clinton. By inheritance and early training always interested in education, along with the orphanage and its school, he led the movement for establishing a high school, which, some years later, under his continued progressive leadership, developed into the promising institution which we now cherish as our Synodical college, of whose Board of Trustees he was for 25 years the President and guiding spirit.

And, besides all these abundant and exacting labors for the Church,



to which should be added the Stated Clerkship for many years of South Carolina and Enoree Presbyteries, Dr. Jacobs, with notable public spirit, threw himself behind and became the efficient promotor of every worthy enterprise of his community, making himself through all these efforts, Clinton's foremost citizen. In his early ministry there he began to edit and publish a newspaper, which in 1871 became the widely-read magazine, "Our Monthly." Through the spicy pages of this periodical, printed by the orphanage boys, in addition to presenting forcibly the interests of the orphanage, he vigorously fought the evils and promoted the welfare of Clinton, which, largely through his untiring efforts, has grown from a disreputable village when he came there to a clean, flourishing little city of which the whole State may be justly proud.

How one man of delicate body, with defective sight and hearing from his youth, and often the victim of illness, could accomplish all that Dr. Jacobs has done, is indeed a marvel. But his work, as a monument erected by himself through his constructive genius, persistent toil and well-directed efforts, is before us today, speaking for itself. And the explanation is doubtless to be found in his indefatigable industry and his rare capacity for doing things, coupled with a thorough consecration to God, faith in prayer and fidelity to truth and duty. Truly may it be said of him, as of Mary, "He hath done what he could," and now, as our Synod reviews the distinguished career of its esteemed and lamented fellow-laborer, who, like his Master, made himself the servant of all, it may record its appreciation of his inestimable service by borrowing other words of our Lord, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

In his early manhood, Dr. Jacobs was married to Miss Mary Jane Dillard, of Laurens, who proved herself not only a congenial and devoted companion, but, as a true helpmate, a full sharer in his many self-denying toils; and sacrificed her life upon the altar of service January 16th, 1879. One daughter and four sons were left to the father's care and training, and still survive. To them, and to the many to whom he was an adopted father in the orphanage, the Synod extends its sincere sympathy, while it rejoices with them all in the rich heritage which he has bequeathed to them of "A good name, rather to be chosen than great riches."

THOS. H. LAW, *Committee.*

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#### CHARLES STUART VEDDER, D. D., LL. D.

Charles Stuart Vedder was the son of Albert A. and Susan (Fulton) Vedder, and was born in Schenectady, N. Y., October 7th, 1826. He attended Union College, in his native town, and received from it the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1851. After his graduation he became a tutor for one year. Dr. Vedder began at once to take a prominent place in all his relations with men, for he was the first man in his

class of 108 when he graduated. In 1876 the University of New York conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity and the College of Charleston conferred the same honor on him the same year. In 1895 the College of Charleston conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Laws, and his alma mater gave him the degree of Doctor of Humanities. In his day these degrees were not so freely bestowed as they have been more recently. Dr. Vedder was a student and he deserved these marks of distinction.

He was not of robust health in his early life and was led to seek the milder climate of the South to pursue his studies in theology, and he came to the Theological Seminary in Columbia, S. C., where he spent the session ending in 1861. This was the year of the beginning of the War between the States, and Dr. Vedder, though so lately from the North, espoused the cause of the South, and was ever an ardent sympathizer with her cause. As the years passed and his work and home were identified with Charleston, he was a Charlestonian of Charlestonians in his loyalty to the city and to the State which he adopted as his own.

In 1861 Dr. Vedder was ordained to the ministry by Charleston Presbytery, and throughout his ministry he was, for fifty-six years, a member of this Presbytery. For many years he was the Stated Clerk of this body. There were giants in the Church in those days, and in his Presbytery were such men as James H. Thornwell, George Howe, W. C. Dana, John Forrest, and J. L. Girardeau. In 1861 Dr. Vedder became pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Summerville, S. C., and was here till 1866, when he was called to the pastorate of the Huguenot Church in Charleston. He was the active pastor of this church for forty-eight years, and at his death three years later he was the pastor emeritus. So that for fifty-one years he was associated with this church as pastor and a citizen of Charleston. He was universally beloved and esteemed. He was a man of the strongest convictions and often expressed his convictions in vigorous language, yet he was always regarded as one of the most influential and honored of his community. He was almost indispensable at the many functions held under the auspices of various organizations and societies. For thirty-four years he was President of the New England Society; for many years President of the Ministerial Union; for twenty-five years President of the Howard Association, a member of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina; was one of the founders of the Confederate Home College; a lifelong Mason; a member of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity, and for years was chaplain of Camp A, Burnet Rhett, United Confederate Veterans. He was always peculiarly interested in the annual dinner for poor children, and took a leading part in all that was done for "Tiny Tim."

Dr. Vedder was a student almost to the last of his long life. He

read incessantly and possessed a memory of wonderful activity, so that he seldom forget anything he had read. His mind was a great storehouse of incidents, of facts and history. He was a deep thinker, a theologian of high attainments. He possessed poetic power and some of his poems are greatly admired and cherished by his host of friends. He was familiar with the poets and he could call them and their writings to mind in an instant. He was always an interesting and instructive preacher and was heard gladly by men generally. He preached the pure Gospel of the Lord Jesus, and had no sympathy whatever with the many isms and vagaries which disturbed the religious thought of so many in the pulpit and out of it. Dr. Vedder was pre-eminent wherever he was placed, but as a companion and in the social sphere he was peculiarly attractive and genial. Every one who came in contact with him enjoyed him. His wit and humor, his bright and happy disposition, his genial nature and his interest in everybody made him a charming companion. This was as true of him in public as in private, for he was ever regarded as one of the happiest and readiest of after-dinner speakers and he must always be heard. His course as he lived it was extraordinary and unique. His companion in life for about sixty years, Helen A. Scovel, was a helpmeet indeed. Their union was an ideal one, though they had no children. Mrs. Vedder preceded him to the better land. Dr. Vedder's last days were days of affliction. He was sorely tried, and in all his trials he had many assurances of the love of the Saviour, Who suffered much for him. For the past ten years his vision was impaired till he was entirely blind. Loving hearts and hands ministered to him through trying ordeals, till at last, in his ninety-first year, March 1st, 1917, his body worn out, his spirit was released and went to God, who gave it.

ALEXANDER SPRUNT, *Committee.*



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NOTE.—An asterisk (\*) after the name of a Church indicates that it owns a manse; a dagger (†) after the name of a Church indicates that it has made the every-member canvass; P. is for Pastor; S. S. for Stated Supply; Ev. for Evangelist; Ed. for Editor; D. M. or H. M. for Domestic or Home Missionary; T. for Teacher; Inf. for Infirm. Other abbreviations will be readily recognized.

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James Russell	Chester, S. C.	5	7	2	22	170	26	196	1	4	159	124	15	40	12	8	55	4	30	9	233	350	
J. B. Swann, P.	Bullock Creek, P.*	7	5	8	128	65	134	58	3	140	65	65	35	46	20	10	26	2	93	15	64	400	
" " S. S.	McConnellsville, S. C.	5	5	6	44	14	14	58	1	8	46	12	6	13	4	2	4	2	88	15	750	100	
R. K. Timmons	Fort Mill, P.*†	7	8	16	230	44	274	1	8	260	273	92	55	11	80	26	15	2	9	75	21	73	
J. L. Vandell, P. E.	Beersheba, P. E.†	7	6	10	1	162	9	171	4	4	91	105	11	11	11	7	5	2	9	2	14	71	
" " P. E.	Ramah, P. E.†	4	3	7	68	8	76	1	1	50	65	2	2	1	6	2	3	100	100	81	79		
" " P. E.	Filbert, P. E.	3	8	3	36	6	40	194	2	65	35	23	23	6	6	2	3	100	119	500	500		
F. H. Wardlaw, P. E.	Guthrieville, S. C.	11	7	8	2	156	38	40	40	2	1	80	16	16	5	5	5	23	36	2	251	480	
" " P. E.	Smiths, S. C.	3	2	17	79	5	84	7	2	51	80	16	16	16	5	5	5	23	36	2	251	480	
" " P. E.	Kershaw, S. C.	3	2	17	79	5	84	7	2	51	80	16	16	16	5	5	5	23	36	2	251	480	
" " P. E.	Beaver Creek, S. S.	3	2	17	79	5	84	7	2	51	80	16	16	16	5	5	5	23	36	2	251	480	
" " P. E.	Clover, S. C.	8	7	25	247	11	285	4	4	225	417	62	49	54	46	9	4	21	4	151	180		
" " P. E.	Lowryville, S. C.	5	5	2	90	15	105	105	2	100	154	49	49	54	46	9	4	21	4	151	180		
" " P. E.	Zion, V.*†	2	4	2	26	3	38	2	2	23	53	17	12	12	15	2	1	7	33	309	630		
" " P. E.	Uriel, V.	2	3	2	33	3	38	2	2	23	53	17	12	12	15	2	1	7	33	309	630		
" " P. E.	Richburg, S. C.	2	3	2	25	20	45	2	2	25	6	24	3	3	2	2	2	30	30	95	100		
" " P. E.	Oseola, S. C.	2	2	2	25	20	45	2	2	25	6	24	3	3	2	2	2	30	30	95	100		
" " P. E.	Six Mile Creek, V.	2	2	2	25	20	45	2	2	25	6	24	3	3	2	2	2	30	30	95	100		
" " P. E.	Chesler, S. C.	8	10	26	492	62	554	4	3	380	1236	356	279	405	305	93	229	38	158	82	3361	1761	
" " P. E.	Chesler, S. C.	8	10	26	492	62	554	4	3	380	1236	356	279	405	305	93	229	38	158	82	3361	1761	
" " P. E.	Rodman, S. C.	8	10	26	492	62	554	4	3	380	1236	356	279	405	305	93	229	38	158	82	3361	1761	
" " P. E.	Carmel	8	10	26	492	62	554	4	3	380	1236	356	279	405	305	93	229	38	158	82	3361	1761	
" " P. E.	York, S. C.	8	10	26	492	62	554	4	3	380	1236	356	279	405	305	93	229	38	158	82	3361	1761	
J. S. Land.	—48	220	226	284	197	5491	824	6453	73	105	5529	8833	2580	885	997	1252	2329	579	2256	341	1831	1087	
z. Pres. of Charleston.	Estill, Ev.*	4	7	4	47	11	58	1	2	66	60	21	14	25	132	23	10	81	1	32	45	5	
Paul F. Brown, Ev.	Allendale, Ev.	4	7	4	47	11	58	1	2	66	60	21	14	25	132	23	10	81	1	32	45	5	
" " S. C.	Columbia, S. C.	4	7	4	47	11	58	1	2	66	60	21	14	25	132	23	10	81	1	32	45	5	
S. C. Byrd, D. D., Pres.	Edisto Island, P.*	4	4	2	44	16	54	1	31	31	67	32	137	73	49	6	17	5	56	...	128	800	
S. C. Caldwell, P.	Charleston 2nd, P.*†	9	14	13	40	350	37	387	4	8	244	1063	33	347	284	613	4	17	5	101	167	4267	2260
Melton Clark, D. D., P.	Knox, P.*†	3	2	13	10	95	5	100	5	8	217	10	7	6	20	6	3	2	3	13	172	281	200
J. E. Coker, P.	James Island, S. S.*†	5	4	4	58	8	66	1	3	46	70	47	16	16	27	9	2	16	27	70	33	630	
" " S. S.	McClanville, S. C.	1	1	1	18	2	20	20	1	1	21	15	10	10	16	7	1	11	11	2	2	2	
E. E. Ervin, Inf.	Bailing Spring, S. S.†	1	1	1	18	2	20	20	1	1	21	15	10	10	16	7	1	11	11	2	2	2	
Bothwell Graham	Lyndhurst, S. C.	3	3	1	43	12	55	30	30	31	31	2	2	38	32	1	1	10	1	10	1	1	
S. H. Hay, S. S.	Walterboro, P.*	3	3	1	43	12	55	30	30	31	31	2	2	38	32	1	1	10	1	10	1	1	
S. R. Hope, P.	Walterboro, S. C.	2	2	1	26	4	30	30	30	31	31	2	2	38	32	1	1	10	1	10	1	1	
" " S. S.	Yonge's Island, S. C.	2	2	1	13	1	14	14	4	4	16	17	4	10	4	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	
" " S. S.	Martin's Point, S. C.	2	2	1	13	1	14	14	4	4	16	17	4	10	4	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	
M. R. Kirkpatrick, P.	Mullet Hall, S. C.	4	4	2	19	2	19	19	4	4	34	17	1	12	3	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	
" " P.	John's Island & W.P.†	4	4	2	51	51	51	51	4	4	49	88	45	54	45	5	10	5	4	30	208	600	
J. W. Lafferty	Davidson, N. C.	4	5	4	115	20	135	135	5	90	250	125	130	60	115	41	40	5	65	5	350	1500	
J. L. McLees, P.	Orangeburg, S. C.	5	7	2	169	14	174	174	1	91	226	85	2	22	57	64	133	2	83	11	1961	2000	
Donald McQueen, P.	Charleston, S. C.	2	1	26	3	29	3	29	2	14	33	19	10	10	18	9	8	3	7	5	1	23	
N. Keft Smith, D. D., P.	Stoney Creek, P.	13	11	10	362	46	408	2	5	257	995	267	10	400	440	322	24	91	40	136	528	3389	3000
L. C. McC. Smythe, F. M.	Charleston, Ist, P.†	1	1	1	15	1	16	16	26	26	26	9	10	10	10	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Alexander Sprunt, D. D., P.	Blackville, V.	1	1	2	12	2	14	14	14	14	14	4	10	10	10	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	
" " P.	Barnwell, V.	1	1	2	12	2	14	14	14	14	14	4	10	10	10	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	
" " P.	Bamberg, V.	1	1	2	12	2	14	14	14	14	14	4	10	10	10	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	
" " P.	Denmark, V.	1	1	2	12	2	14	14	14	14	14	4	10	10	10	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	
" " P.	Mt. Pleasant, V.	3	1	7	29	4	33	33	1	27	9	4	10	10	6	2	1	9	9	8	108	8	
" " P.	Beaufort, V.	2	1	1	2	1	26	26	1	50	41	23	7	23	7	3	5	1	1	2	10	300	
" " P.	Harmony, V.	4	1	1	78	1	78	1	1	50	41	23	7	23	7	3	5	1	1	2	10	300	

Candidates—6.

Candidates—2.

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Candidates—1.

J. S. Land

z. Pres. of Charleston.

Jonas Barclay, In trans.

Paul F. Brown, Ev.

S. C. Byrd, D. D., Pres.

S. C. Caldwell, P.

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E. E. Ervin, Inf.

Bothwell Graham

S. H. Hay, S. S.

S. R. Hope, P.

" " S. S.

" " S. S.

M. R. Kirkpatrick, P.

J. W. Lafferty

Candidates—2.

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Langley, S. C.	Langley	1	112	172	227	2718	247	2365	69	85	2478	4463	1553	114	2387	51	1028	356	2022	76	1095	355	3683	11899	14671
Eastover, S. C.	Richland	3	2	2	2	45	6	51	7	12															
Lugoff, S. C.	Rowan Chapel, S. S.	2	1	1	1	15	2	17	6																
Saluda, S. C.	Saluda	2	5	5	7	63	7	70	5	2	83	72	31	25	29		125	21	61	9	24	15		257	747
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Clinton, S. C.	Reedy River, S. S.	2	2	2	2	35		35																	
Greenville, S. C.																									
Gaffney, S. C.																									
Philadelphia, Pa.																									
Greenville, S. C.	Greenville Second, P.	9	10	17	22	343	46	389	8	6	447	722	242	85	79	107	279	58	57	15	159	12	519	3029	1800
Glenn Springs, S. C.	Mount Calvary, S. S.	7	4	1	1	150		150	1	2	100												165		
Kobe, Japan																									
Greenville, S. C.	Greenville 3d, P.	5	5	10	30	175	35	210	6	4	181	137	50	30	10	10								7650	562
Greenville, S. C.	Monaghan, S. S.	11	11	2	14	92		14																99	99
Spartanburg, S. C.	Spartanburg 1st, P.	11	11	42	28	662	225	887																8215	2867
Gaffney, S. C.	Limestone, P.	6	6	2	13	92	20	112																639	1400
Kashong, China																									
Spartanburg, S. C.																									
Reidville, S. C.	Reidville, P.	7	6	5	4	151	36	187	4	3	166	261	119	38	38									2376	412
Wellford, S. C.	Nazareth, P.	5	6			132	6	138																66	348
Simpsonville, S. C.	Antioch, P.	4	6			91	18	109																20	
Roebuck, S. C.	Roebuck, S. S.	3	4																					70	60
Greenville, S. C.	Greenville 4th, P.	9	9	3	15	113	2	115	1	4	127	89	42	42										4375	1800
Taylor, S. C.	McCart, S. S.	4	4	8		38																		147	100
Union, S. C.	Union 1st, P.	7	1	8	3	14	5	150																1199	1500
Union, S. C.	Mt. Vernon, S. S.	1	1	9	1	9	1	20																74	20
Fountain Inn, S. C.	Fairview, P.	7	7	4	2	168	14	182																85	425
Fountain Inn, S. C.	Fountain Inn, F.	5	4	2	2	111		111																79	450
Owings, S. C.	New Harmony, P.	5	4	11		85	5	90	10	1	62	133	15											37	290
Spartanburg, S. C.																									
Jonesville, S. C.	Fairforest, P.	3	4			49	14	63																139	360
Mt. Tabor, S. C.	Mt. Tabor, P.	3	3	1	2	62	9	71	1	1														8	
Pacolet, S. C.	Lockhart, P.	3	3	5	11	80	27	107																186	345
Bristol, Va.	Pacolet, P.	3	3	2	3	55	5	60																3	150
Soonchun, Korea																									
Chinking, China																									
Greenville, S. C.	Greenville 1st, P.	18	21	18	36	734	100	834	11	14	510	7760	1558	136										3065	3000
Reidville, S. C.																									
Statesville, N. C.																									
Tunehiang, China																									
Tsing Kiang Pu, China																									
Greer, S. C.	Greers, P.	5	7	5	1	114	32	146																431	199
Wardlaw, D. D.	Wellford, S. S.	2	4	2	1	25	4	29																5	10
Spartanburg, S. C.	Spartanburg 2nd, P.	2	5	6	3	70	35	105	1															143	350
Converse, S. C.	Clifton, S. S.	1	1	5	6	15	7	22																96	
Landrum, S. C.	Landrum, S. S.	3	3	2	2	21																			
Buffalo, S. C.	Buffalo, V.	5	2	2	2	17	2	19	1	1														40	
Campobello, S. C.	Campobello, V.	5	2	2	2	17	2	19	1	1														15	215
Santuco, S. C.	Cane Creek, V.	3	2	2	2		36	36	3	5														825	



MINISTERS AND LICEN- TIATES NUMBER OF CANDIDATES	POSTOFFICES	CHURCHES	Officers		Communicants				Total Sunday School Enroll- ment	BENEVOLENT FUNDS COLLECTED											Other Funds Collected					
			Elders	Deacons	Added on Examination	Added on Certificate	Communicants			Adult	Infant	Home Missions						S. S. Extension and Publication	Schools and Colleges	Orphan's Homes		Miscellaneous	Contributions Not Benevolent	Current Expenses and Presbyterial Tax	Pastor's Salary Actually Paid	
							Resident	Non-Resident				Whole No. Communicants	Assembly's Home Missions	Synod's Home Missions	Presbytery's Home Missions	Congregational Home Missions	Christian Education and Ministerial Relief									
†Contributed to Schools and Colleges, \$12,500. ‡Total contributed to Schools and Colleges, Enoree Pres- bytery, \$12,912.	Carlisle, S. C. Woodruff, S. C. Moore, S. C. Union, S. C. Greer, S. C. Glenn Springs, S. C. Greenville, S. C. Enoree, S. C. Tucapau, S. C. Woodruff, S. C.	Carlisle, V. Woodruff, S. S. Center Point, S. S. Enoree, V. Fulton, V. Glenn Springs, V. Lickville, S. S. Mountain Shoals, V. Tucapau, V. Woodruff, S. C.	2 3 2 3 3 5 3 1 3 2	3 4 2 2 3 3 1 1 1 1	4 4 21 1 16 4 1 5 1 1	3 3 31 65 16 50 5 17 4	22 31 24 68 62 9 13 17	116 96 96 40 68 62 13	8 3 15 3 3 3 3 3	63 8 9 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	53 8 9 5 9 9 9 9 9 9	411 110 110 110 110 110 110 110 110 110	835 58 41 246 385 537 66 114 235 57 321 3													

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